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# FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

Among a number of private bills passed by the Senate, Feb. 19, were the following relating to the Service: S. bill 859, to relieve Capt. James Reazan, 9th Infantry, from responsibility for the loss of \$2,508 stolen from him while performing the duties as regimental quartermaster by a commissary sergeant; S. 200, to place Henry Zell, late private of Co. D, 3rd Infantry, on the retired list for enlisted men; S. 208, to pay the widow of Surgeon Charles S. Tripler, U. S. A., \$3,000 for services in compiling a manual for the medical officers of the Army; S. 547, to credit the accounts of Lieut.-Colonel C. G. Sawtelle \$126, being the amount of an irregular payment for internal revenue tax paid by him; S. 247 and S. 1079, to increase the retired pay of Assistant-Engineer Henry E. Rhodes and Howard D. Potts respectively; S. 614, to restore and retire Thomas H. Carpenter, late captain 17th Infantry; S. 1196, to prevent the reopening of disallowed back pay and bounty claims; S. 780, to relieve Major R. H. Montgomery, 9th Cavalry, from the payment of the judgment rendered against him by the Court of Claims on the ground that while he was a prisoner of war from 1863 to 1865 he was not in the service.

The history of the Portsmouth Navy Yard, prepared by Rear Admiral George Henry Preble has been called for by a resolution of the Senate with a view to its publication.

The Senate has received a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury arguing against the transfer of the revenue marine to the Navy Department. He says: "I am clearly of opinion that such transfer would be inexpedient and unwise. Revenue marine officers are engaged on water, as are customs officers on land, in detecting and preventing fraud on the revenue. The entire service, except in case of war when revenue marine vessels may be assigned to naval duties, is under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and this exceptional and possible service in my opinion affords no adequate reason for the transfer. The department which collects the major portion of the revenue for support of the Government should have complete and undoubted control of the instrumentalities for its collection." At the same time Secretary Foster recommends that provision be made for retiring officers of the revenue marine service when incapacitated for active duty.

The House Military Committee skipped its usual meeting on Tuesday owing to the absence from the city of a number of its members.

Beyond a decision to hear testimony pro and con in the Revenue Transfer bill and the adoption of a favorable report on the bill to terminate the reduction on the Engineer Corps nothing was done by the House Naval Committee this week. The Subcommittee on the Naval Appropriation bill has been at work on that measure. However, that is as far as hearing testimony in explanation of estimates is concerned. Little progress has been made in the actual preparation of the bill.

The proposition to extend the system of lineal promotion to 1st lieutenants of the line of the Army has become a matter of the first importance, in the way of military legislation, since the passage by the House of the Outhwaite bill. Prior to this action officers gave no special attention to the pending measures on this subject, believing that the present session would not be likely to devote any time to special military legislation, but the advanced position of the measure has opened their eyes to the possibilities of the situation, and those for and against the Outhwaite bill are now looking on with active personal interest in the subject. Letters are pouring in upon congressmen by the score. Members of the Senate Military Committee are particularly favored in this direction, for the reason that this is the body that will next act on the Outhwaite measure. There is very general opposition to the bill as at present worded, judging from the character of the letters received by some of the members of the two committees; but there is at the same time quite a large number in favor of a proposition that will in some way make the lineal system retroactive, so as to correct the injustice that has been done many by the present regimental system. Whether this can be done remains to be seen. It is quite certain, however, that Mr. Outhwaite's proposition will not prevail. Even Mr. Outhwaite himself, since his attention has been called to the injustice that would be done to certain volunteer officers, is in favor of amending the bill. He is quite convinced, however, that the principal of lineal promotion for 1st lieutenants is right, and that in applying it Congress should go as far toward correcting the wrongs imposed by the old system as it is possible. He has recently had a talk with Senator Proctor on the subject, and as a result it is not improbable that an amendment will be proposed in the Senate which will provide for lineal promotion by seniority according to length of service, regular and volunteer combined. In conversation with a JOURNAL correspondent a few days ago Mr. Outhwaite said that he realized that even this plan would be a hardship to a few, but he regarded it as right in principle, and will advocate it.

The War Department has been requested by the Senate Military Committee to furnish a statement showing the effect of the Outhwaite bill as passed by the House, and for its views as to the advisability of undertaking a revision of the present lineal rank list.

A number of items of special legislation in the direction of retrenchment and reform are being considered by the House Military Committee in connection with the Army Appropriation Bill. The most important of these is a proviso contemplating a reduction of the number of paymasters from 29 to 20, and providing for more frequent payments in the Army, but directing acting quartermasters and commissaries to assist the present force of paymasters. An item has already been agreed upon authorizing the repeal of the law for the appointment of central surgeons, and providing a fund for medical attendance at places where Army surgeons are not available.

The Senate Military Committee, at its session this week, agreed to report favorably the nomination of Maj. Clous, J. A., to be Lieut.-Col.; also the follow-

ing bills: S. 2,084. To amend Articles of War 17, 58, 91, 104, 110, of Section 1,432 Revised Statutes, granting right-of-way through Fort Missouri Military reservation for military purposes; to restore and retire Capt. Chas. B. Silvers, and Sec. 1,458 to restore and retire Robert Currier.

The President has decided to appoint F. H. Arms, son of the late Paymaster Arms, U. S. N., and T. S. Jewett, Jr., son of the well known railroad president, Asst. Paymaster in the Navy. They will be nominated to the Senate as soon as examined and found qualified. There are still three vacancies, and a fourth will shortly occur by the resignation of Asst. Paymaster Calvert, now on the Alert.

Senators Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Butler, of South Carolina, have been appointed members of the Board of Visitors to attend the next annual examination at the Military Academy.

## BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. R. 50, Blackburn (for Cameron). Joint resolution authorizing payment of pay allowances to minors who were discharged from the Army of the U. S. after the close of the War of the Rebellion by special order.

S. 822, Chandler. That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to transfer Lieut. Jerome E. Morse, of the retired list of the U. S. Navy, from the half pay list to the 75 per cent. pay list of retired officers, under Sec. 1528 of the Rev. Stat. of the U. S.; and the said transfer shall take effect as of the passage of this act; and the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to allow to Jerome E. Morse an amount which, with the payments heretofore made to him, will be equal to 75 per cent. of the sea pay of the grade held by him at the date of his retirement, said amount to be paid out of any money in the U. S. Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

S. 2094, Cameron. To promote the efficiency of the enlisted force of the Navy. [Allows enlistments within three months. Extends to Navy benefit of Army acts, providing for retirement of enlisted men, and permitting them to purchase a discharge. Requires the payment of pensions due inmates of Naval Home to governor of the Home, and furnishes transportation to the Home to those unable to pay for it. Admits aliens to citizenship as reward for service in Army or Navy.]

S. 2250, Voorhees. To extend the time for adjudicating certain claims arising from Army or Navy service. That no statute of limitation heretofore enacted shall be held or construed as a bar to prohibit the filing or adjudication of any claim of an officer, soldier, or citizen of the U. S. for money due or for property lost in the military or naval service of the U. S. in any case in which the proper official records in the War or Treasury Departments show the amount of money due and unpaid, or the fact from which the amount is due and unpaid can be ascertained and determined. And it shall be the duty of the accounting officers of the Treasury Department in every such case not properly adjudicated, when brought to their notice either by claimant or his legal representative, to proceed to adjudicate such claim or claims under the law governing the adjustment of such claim or claims, and ascertain the amount due and report the same to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment: Provided, however, That this act shall not be construed to extend to any class of property other than that for which compensation has been heretofore authorized.

S. 2252, Blackburn (for Cameron). To reimburse \$1,500 to Geo. M. Beche for the losses incurred by him in the sinking of the U. S. gunboat Cincinnati, while under his command.

S. 2261, Gibson, of Md. To pay to the legal representatives of Henry W. Freedy, late major, U. S. A., \$11,000, being the difference between the pay of a major retired, which he actually received, and the pay of a colonel, which he should have received, from March 3, 1875, to Nov. 3, 1889, the date of his death.

S. 2266, Hansbrough. That the action of the board by which P. A. Paym. Louis A. Yorke was examined for promotion be set aside and declared null and void; and the President is hereby authorized to appoint him to the office to which he would have been promoted but for said action, and to retire him in that grade as of the date he was wholly retired, changing him with all extra pay and allowances paid him at that time.

S. 2290, Hiscock. Granting a pension of \$50 a month to Celeste A. Boughton, widow of Bvt. Brig. Gen. Horace Boughton, late U. S. A., retired.

S. 2305, Morrill. That the division organized by the Secretary of War in his office for the preservation and custody of the records of the volunteer armies under the name of the records and pension division is hereby established as now organized, and shall hereafter be known as the Record and Pension Office; and the President is authorized to select an officer of the Army to be chief of said office, who shall have the rank, pay and allowances of a colonel.

H. R. 1750, Wise. To equalize the grade of officers, to prevent desertions, and to increase the efficiency of the U. S. Marine Corps.

H. R. 6071, Outhwaite. That section 1216 Rev. Stat. be, and is hereby, amended to read:

"Sec. 1216. That when any enlisted man of the Army shall have distinguished himself in the Service, the President may, at the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment or the chief of the corps to which such enlisted man belongs, grant him a certificate of merit."

H. R. 6175, Cutting. To promote the efficiency of the militia. [Divides militia into two classes, the organized or National Guard and the unorganized or Reserve Militia. Every officer and enlisted man of the National Guard called into service of the U. S. who shall refuse to obey such call shall be subject to trial by Court-martial. The President is authorized to call the militia into the service of the U. S. in case of need for a period not exceeding nine months, and to subject them to the same rules and articles of war as regulars, giving them the same pay and allowances for every 20 miles of travel to and from the rendezvous to be counted as a day of service. Mounted men are to receive forage and 40 cents a day for the use and risk of their horses, except horses killed in battle or dying of battle wounds. Courts-martial for the trial of the militia shall be composed of militia officers only. Appropriates \$1,000,000 for military stores and supplies for the National Guard. Allows any State or Territory to purchase additional stores and supplies at the price which they are listed for issue to the Army. States and Territories are to receive credit for ordnance and ordnance stores which on June 30, 1887, were unsuitable or unserviceable. State and Territory furnished with stores and supplies shall require every organization in its N. G., not excused by the Governor of such State or Territory, to go into camp of instruction or be quartered at a U. S. fort for instruction in heavy artillery at least five consecutive days in each year in their respective States or Territories, and to assemble for drill and instruction not less than 12 times in each year, and shall also require an annual inspection of each organization in its N. G. to be made by an officer or officers thereof. Upon the application of the Governor the Secretary of War may detail one or more officers of the Army to attend any camp or company of the N. G., and to act as instructors of the N. G. of such State or Territory. An officer so assigned shall receive no pay or emoluments from the U. S., except those of his rank in the Army.]

It is expected that the committee will report this bill favorably with amendments, one cutting down the appropriation to \$520,000.

H. R. 6256, Powers. That it shall be lawful for any railroad or transportation company in the United States to make special rates for the transportation of military organizations, with their equipment, to the World's Columbian Exposition, to be held at Chicago in 1893, anything in the provisions of the Interstate Commerce act or the amendments thereto to the contrary notwithstanding.

## THE NEW DRILL REGULATIONS.\*

QUESTIONS AS TO THEIR INTERPRETATION ANSWERED.

See previous answers, pages 352, 388, 418, 430, 455.

No. 34. Par. 233. "H. K." asks if the 4th command should not follow as No. 6, the same as in turning par. 141. The command for the guide is given so that the men who should be on the line marching at the short step will know which way to dress: the commands forward, march, are not given till all arrive on the line. See Par. 141, eleventh line.

No. 35. "W. A. B." is referred to answers published on Jan. 30, for reply to his question as to what forms a regiment under the new Regulations.

No. 36. "A correspondent" asks the positions of colonel, staff and non-com. staff under various circumstances.

Colonel and staff, marching in column, band being present: For route marches see Par. 303. In evolutions of the regiment, the colonel goes wherever his presence is necessary, his staff accompanying him. For street parades, the formation of the column is usually the same as for regimental review. See Par. 697-702. For position of colonel see last clause Par. 698; for staff, Par. 309 and 698. Non-commissioned staff, regimental—For route marches, see Par. 669. Marching in review, six paces in rear of the band, in one line covering front of column, arranged in order of rank from right to left, sergeant-major on the right. At regimental parade, the staff, except the adjutant, are six paces in rear of the colonel. See Par. 680 and 681 for position of colonel and staff when the present is given. See Par. 309 for position of non-commissioned staff, regiment in line.

No. 37. "B. F. P." Supernumeraries fix bayonet and open boxes at the command "inspection arms;" no exception is made in their case. It is not the custom to inspect the first sergeants at guard mounting, but if so directed by the commanding officer, the first sergeant, being one of the men to be inspected, should fix bayonet and open box.

No. 38. "H. P. S." For answer to your inquiries concerning Par. 122 and 129, see answers published Jan. 30.

No. 39. "C. J. H." Mark time, from halt. See Par. 4 and 36, and answers to same question furnished herewith. Present arms is prescribed only from a carry. Fix bayonet from port is not prescribed. Stack arms is prescribed from order only. See Par. 100. For cadence of motions in manual, see Par. 47, 106 and 113.

No. 40. "G. M." Pieces are brought to the right shoulder at the preparatory command for marching in quick time exactly the same as if the command were right shoulder, arms.

Par. 47. The execution of order arms from ready, involving, as it does, bringing the hammer to the safety notch, should be executed with promptness and regularity, but, as a complete movement, not in the cadence. See last four lines of Par. 47. In right or left oblique march the squad halts faced to the front and makes the first motion of the order, all at the same time. See Par. 135 and 112 (4th).

No. 41. The correspondent who asks as to the proper staff of a major in command of a battalion, which is part of a regiment, is referred for answer to answers published Jan. 30.

No. 42. "Pennsylvania," par. 140. The "right file" means the two men, front and rear rank, on the right. See definition of file, page 4. In the squad, there is no guide in the sense in which the non-commissioned officers on the right and left of a company are so designated. In this connection see Par. 116. In the company, the "right file" means No. 1, front and rear rank, of the first four. In the turn and halt, par. 140 prescribes what the pivot file front rank man does, and also how the others in the squad conform to his movement. Par. 192, last three lines, prescribes what the guide, in the company, does in the same movement.

No. 43. "F. W. A." asks whether guns are held at the position of trail until the command front and then lowered to the ground, or whether they are only held in position of trail while the men are getting the touch and then lowered to the order. Ans.—Par. 19, 45, 112, 121, 123, 156, 197, etc. See par. 112 (5th) \* \* "raise the piece to the trail while in motion, and resume the order on halting."

No. 44. "E." For reply to your first question see answers published Jan. 16, and for the second question see answers published Feb. 15.

No. 45. "J. K." Par. 73. Rear rank move back 30 inches without rising. See answers published Feb. 6.

No. 46. "J. W." par. 82. The left hand while steady the piece is above the right.

No. 47. "Artillery," par. 4. Movements are explained according to their uses, from the halt, if that is habitual, or from the march, as the case may be. Mark time, as a separate movement from a halt, is not considered of any use, but there are cases in which, as part of a movement that has a cadence of its own, mark time from a halt is useful, for example, in wheeling on a fixed pivot (par. 196) from a halt. Par. 214, forming column of twos from column of fours; note the uses of the movement stated at the beginning of the paragraph. While a column of fours might be halted at the entrance to a defile, it would not be done as a rule; but if it were, column of twos from fours at a halt would be, under par. 4, allowable.

No. 48, par. 187. The 1st sergeant simply reports the result of the roll call; (so many) sergeants, etc., absent, or that all are present; the Drill Regulations do not prescribe what words he shall use. If there are more corporals than there are squads, the captain should assign them to positions where he most needs them.

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## PERSONAL ITEMS.

LIEUT. A. C. McMECHAN, U. S. N., is a permanent resident of Nebraska City, Neb.

The present address of Lieut. Ed. S. Jacob, U. S. Navy, is Reed's Wharf, Northampton Co., Va.

PAYMASTER CHARLES D. MANSFIELD, U. S. N., has quarters at 1525 18th street, Washington, D. C.

P. A. ENGINEER W. M. McFARLAND, U. S. N., has been on the "binnacle list" for several days with some eye trouble.

HARRY P. MARSHON contributes to *Lippincott's Magazine* for March an interesting article on "Re-building the Navy."

THE last reception of the season will be held at the Marine Barracks, Washington, by Mrs. D. Pratt Mannix on Feb. 20.

LIEUTENANT J. C. WILSON, U. S. N., of the Norfolk Navy-yard, made a brief visit to Washington during the week on private business.

P. A. ENGINEER STACY POTTS, U. S. N., of the U. S. S. *Newark*, visited his family in Washington the present week. He is enthusiastic over the ship.

COMMANDER YATES STIRLING, U. S. N., was at the Department on Monday on the lookout for orders. His last sea service was in command of the *Dolphin*.

A PRIVATE letter from the *Boston*, dated Jan. 10, at Calisto, Peru, says that all on board were well at that date and eagerly waiting for news of the "war."

MRS. W. P. WINCHELL has returned to Washington from a pleasant visit in New York. Her husband will not return until his ship, the *Kearsarge*, comes North.

PAYMASTER R. W. ALLEN, and Professor M. Oliver, U. S. N., will be balloted for membership in the District Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion on March 2.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR J. S. DUNGAN, U. S. N., resides at No. 23 Kearney street, San Francisco, Cal., the climate of the slope agreeing with him better than that of the East.

Captain J. A. HOWELL, U. S. N., president of the Naval Steel Inspection Board, feels highly gratified at the approval by Secretary Tracy of Basic Bessemer steel for naval purposes.

MRS. CHARLES HEYWOOD, wife of the commandant, U. S. Marine Corps, held the last reception of the season Monday last, Feb. 22, and it proved to be an exceptionally enjoyable affair.

REAR ADMIRAL J. H. UPSEUR, U. S. N., accompanied by Mrs. Upseur, has gone to Aiken, S. C., for a few weeks. The admiral has experienced quite a severe attack of the prevailing influenza.

MANY friends throughout the Service will be glad to note that Surgeon Norfleet, U. S. N., of the *Monocacy* continues in good health, and has mastered a large proportion of the intricacies of the Japanese tongue.

SHOULD the *Baltimore* be assigned to the Asiatic Station, the naval cadets serving on board will probably be detached and appointed to some ship on the coast while waiting for their final examination in May next. Among the number will be Naval Cadet John R. Edie.

ENSIGN HILARY P. JONES, U. S. N., of the Norfolk Navy-Yard, is busily engaged in the preliminary work of the electric installations on the *Raleigh* and *Texas*. It is proposed that the outfits for these ships shall be the most complete yet put afloat.

We return our sincere thanks for a "souvenir" of the U. S. cruiser *Baltimore*, illuminated on the cover with an American flag in silk and gold. It contains a full list of officers and men with the vessel's itinerary from Jan. 13, 1890, to Jan. 5, 1892, and is altogether a most tasteful document.

We see it stated that Mr. Edw. Parker Deacon, whose domestic tragedy at Cannes has excited so much public interest, is a grandson of "Commodore Deacon," of the Navy. This must refer to Capt. David Deacon, U. S. N., a native of New Jersey, who died in 1840.

THERE are but three age retirements in the line this year, Kimberly, McCann and Wilson, but quite a number of vacancies are likely to occur in the lower grades, so that the number of graduating cadets to be commissioned will not fall below the average of several years past.

THE class of 1893, U. S. Naval Academy, held its usual reunion on February 20 at the Army and Navy Club, Washington. This is the only class in either branch of the Service that has established a regular annual reunion. Last Saturday evening marked their ninth reunion, and the following members of the class sat down to the dinner: Buckingham, Bowman, Bradbury, Davenport, Harber, Harris, N. E. Mason, John H. Moore, Niles and J. C. Wilson. Some very amusing letters of regret were read from the unfortunate ones who were unable to be present. It was not until well into the small hours that the party broke up, and then only to meet again one year hence.

KATE FIELD's *Washington*, Feb. 10, 1892, says: "The many friends of Ensign Niblack, U. S. N., will be glad to know that he is fast recovering from an illness which kept him in the Army hospital at Fortress Monroe, when his ship, the *Chicago*, sailed for Montevideo. This young sailor's record for 1891 is excellent. His admirable report on Alaska was published by the Government; he won the Naval Prize Essay, which means \$1,000, a gold medal and a life membership in the Naval Institute; he was Adjutant-General of the naval brigade of the 'Squadron of Evolution' in all landing drills during the summer; he evolved a reform signal code which is in a fair way to be adopted by the Navy; in November he went on Admiral Walker's personal staff as secretary, and wound up the year with pneumonia. Your head is all right, Ensign Niblack. Pay a little more attention to your body. The Navy needs such fellows as you."

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF MELVILLE, U. S. N., was in Boston the last week on inspection duty in connection with the new Navy tugs approaching completion at the Harrison Loring Works, South Boston Point.

MAJOR-GENERAL O. O. HOWARD, U. S. A., is on a short visit to the South.

MAJOR CHARLES H. HOYT, U. S. A., retired, and family are wintering in Venice, Italy.

GENERAL JOHN GIBBON, U. S. A., is spending a portion of the winter in Washington, D. C.

GENERAL LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War, is a recent guest at the 5th Avenue Hotel, New York City.

CAPTAIN E. J. CONWAY, U. S. Army, retired, is spending the winter at 1014 Farragut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

COLONEL H. G. LITCHFIELD, U. S. A., will rejoin next week at Fort Trumbull, Conn., from a pleasant visit to N. Y. City.

LIEUTENANT R. J. C. IRVINE, 11th U. S. Infantry, rejoined at Fort Niagara, N. Y., this week from a short leave of absence.

CAPTAIN H. P. KINGSBURY, U. S. A., of Maj.-Gen. Howard's staff, has been on a short visit to New Orleans and other points in the South.

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN POPE, U. S. A., who will celebrate his seventieth birthday in a few days, is living in St. Louis, and we believe is at present in the enjoyment of fair health.

COLONEL CHARLES E. COMPTON, 4th U. S. Cav., whose many friends hope soon to see restored to duty with his regiment, has for his present address, care A. G. O., Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT R. R. STEVENS, 6th U. S. Infantry, East on a short leave from Hot Springs, Ark., will return to duty there next week.

LIEUTENANT B. A. BYRNE, 6th U. S. Infantry, and bride are due next week at Fort Thomas, Ky., where a genuine hearty welcome awaits them.

LIEUTENANT L. D. TYSON, 9th U. S. Infantry, has relinquished college duty at Knoxville, Tenn., for a few weeks, on account of the state of his health.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL F. H. PARKER, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., returned this week to West Troy from a visit to New York and Sandy Hook.

LIEUTENANT R. K. EVANS, 12th U. S. Infantry, contributes to the February number of the *Century Magazine* an excellent article on "National Militia."

CAPTAIN J. L. BULLIS, 24th U. S. Inf., recently called to San Antonio by the death of his father-in-law, Col. Withers, has returned to Fort Bayard, N. M.

CAPTAIN J. M. BANISTER, Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army, of Washington Bks., arrived at Ft. McPherson, early in the week for a tour of temporary duty at that post.

LIEUTENANT DE ROSEY C. CABELL, 8th U. S. Cav., Professor of Military Science and Tactics at the Arkansas Industrial University, will spend the month of March on leave.

LIEUTENANT AMBROSE I. MORIARTY, 9th U. S. Infantry, on leave for some time past at Putnam, Conn., is expected to return to Madison Barracks, Sackett's Harbor, in a few days.

MAJOR-GENERAL NELSON A. MILES, U. S. A., has returned to Chicago from a pleasant visit to New York, New England, etc., where he was everywhere received with the utmost cordiality.

CAPTAIN A. C. TAYLOR, 2d U. S. Artillery, returned to Fort Warren, Mass., early in the week from a trip to St. Albans, Vt. His regimental recruiting duties kept him pretty well on the move.

LIEUTENANT O. J. BROWN, 1st Cav., aide-de-camp to Gen. Merritt, who came East last week with the remains of the late Col. H. P. Curtis, U. S. A., was expected to return to St. Paul this week.

CAPTAIN CONSTANTINE CHASE, Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., has located his office at the corner of Oak and Lee streets, West End, Atlanta, Ga. He is in charge of the construction of public buildings at Fort McPherson.

GENERAL D. A. FLAGLER, U. S. A., returned to Washington early in the week from a visit of inspection to Watervliet Arsenal and Sandy Hook. He was accompanied to Watervliet Arsenal by Gen. L. A. Grant, Assistant Secretary of War.

GENERAL THOMAS L. CRITTENDEN, U. S. A., still hale and hearty, is enjoying the decline of life serenely at Sea Side, Staten Island. He visits New York City daily, and few would think that he first saw service in 1838 as a private of the Kentucky infantry.

THE death of Colonel H. P. Curtis, U. S. A., has promoted Major J. W. Clous, judge advocate, to lieutenant-colonel and deputy judge-advocate general. Col. Clous is the present professor of law at West Point, an able officer with over 23 years experience in the line before he was appointed judge-advocate in 1886.

At the annual meeting of the National Society of 1812 in Philadelphia, Feb. 20, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—John Caldwell; vice-presidents, John Porter Biddle, Col. M. L. Ludington, U. S. A.; Rear Admiral F. A. Roe, U. S. N., Appleton Morgan and Edward Trenchard; registrar, Major A. Jackson Reilly; secretary and treasurer, Peter S. Hay; corresponding secretary, Thomas Chase.

THE engagement is announced of Miss Annie Pultz, only daughter of Mrs. John T. Pultz, to Major J. C. Post, U. S. A. Mrs. Pultz and her daughter sailed for Liverpool recently and will go direct to Paris, where that most delightful of occupations, choosing a trousseau, will be indulged in preparatory to the wedding, which is set down for June, in London, where Major Post is stationed, being attached to our embassy there.—N. Y. Herald.

COLONEL W. C. HOLBROOK has been elected president of the Society of the 19th Army Corps.

CAPTAIN M. P. MAUZ, A. D. C. to Major General Miles, has returned to Chicago from a visit to Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN JOHN R. BRINCKLE, 5th U. S. Artillery, left the Presidio of San Francisco this week on a short leave.

LIEUTENANT JAMES H. McRAE, 34 U. S. Inf., of Fort Snelling, has been visiting old friends at Lumbert City, Ga.

MAJOR J. W. WHAM, Paymaster, U. S. A., who has been recuperating at Palmos, Ariz., has had his sick leave extended one month.

LIEUTENANT W. S. PEIRCE, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., has now got comfortably settled at Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, N. Y.

LIEUTENANT J. S. OYSTER, 1st U. S. Art., and bride are expected to arrive at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., about the middle of March.

LIEUTENANT P. E. TRIPPE, 10th U. S. Cav., of Ft. Bayard, N. M., is due next week at St. Louis for a tour of recruiting duty at Jefferson Barracks.

CAPTAIN H. C. CUSHING and Lieutenant V. H. Bridgman, U. S. A., of Fort Adams, made a pleasant visit this week to Boston and Fort Warren.

LIEUTENANTS C. L. COLLINS and C. B. Baker, U. S. Army, of Gen. McCook's staff, have returned to Los Angeles from a pleasant trip to San Diego, Cal.

LIEUTENANT R. K. EVANS, 12th U. S. Infantry, left New York City this week for Fort Leavenworth, Kas., in charge of a squad of infantry recruits.

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN M. SCHOFIELD, U. S. Army, paid a brief visit to New York City this week to see Secretary of the Treasury Foster off for Europe.

LIEUTENANT D. W. KETCHAM, 2d U. S. Artillery, of Fort Adams, R. I., made a short trip to Fort Warren, Mass., this week on Court-martial service.

ADJUTANT F. DE L. CARRINGTON, 1st U. S. Inf., arrived at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, this week, to take charge and conduct to the Pacific Coast a squad of recruits for his regiment.

CAPTAIN G. P. COTTON, 1st U. S. Art., moved his regimental recruiting rendezvous this week from Scranton, Pa., to Jersey City, N. J. This brings him nearer home, and gives his New York friends an opportunity to see him once in a while.

COLONEL JOHN S. BILLINGS, Surgeon, U. S. A., was one of the speakers at the opening at Philadelphia on Monday of the new Institute of Hygiene of the University of Pennsylvania. Colonel Billings is to be the Director of the institution, assisted by Dr. A. C. Abbott, lately of Johns Hopkins University.

GENERAL GEO. D. RUGGLES and Col. Thomas F. Barr, U. S. A., of Major-General Howard's staff, held a consultation this week with Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Johnson in regard to questions of wharfage at the landing at the Battery, where the Governor's island steam tug used to land.

CAPTAIN G. LE R. BROWN, U. S. A., not many weeks ago appointed Indian Agent at Pine Ridge, has already ridden on horseback over the greater part of the reservation, visiting Indians in their homes, camps and communities. Capt. Brown's energy and wisdom to thus know for himself what the situation is throughout the reservation so immediately in his official control is highly to be commended.—*The Red Man*.

THE lecture of Capt. Joseph T. Haskell, 23d U. S. Inf., delivered to the officers of Fort Sam Houston recently, is pronounced as the most interesting of any thus far given. There was a large audience, among the distinguished visitors present being Andrew Carnegie and Prof. Andrew D. White. Capt. Haskell took for his subject "The Coaling System in the Army."—*San Antonio Express*.

A few weeks ago it was announced that the Cuvier annual prize of 1,500 francs for the greatest scientific service done for the world during the past year had been voted to the U. S. Geological Survey by the French Academy. Maj. Powell, director of the survey, returned the money with a letter saying that such prizes ought to go to meritorious individuals rather than to governments or government institutions. He asked the Academy to send a gold medal instead, and to add the unexpended balance of the prize to the next annual premium to be awarded. Major Powell has just received a letter from the secretary of the Academy, M. Daubré, stating that a commemorative medal would be struck at once and expressing the "heartiest thanks of the Academy for the gift, which betokens the cosmopolitan generosity as well as the enlightenment of the body whose worthy chief you are." M. Daubré remarks incidentally that no region of the globe has witnessed such scientific discoveries within the last 25 years as have been made in the United States.

JAMES A. WAYMIRE, president of the Veterans' Home of California, writes to Col. William McCleave, U. S. A., retired, and brevet lieutenant-colonel of volunteers, as follows: "To-day your resignation as commandant of the Veterans' Home at Yountville, was received by the Board of Directors and accepted in a resolution expressing the high appreciation of the board for your long and efficient services, with thanks for the same. This resolution will in due time be communicated to you by the secretary. I desire to add my acknowledgments of your services, and to tender my sincere thanks for them. For over four years you have had this important trust in your hands, and have always borne yourself well in the management of it. After a long life of honorable service in the Army, you have added this term of four years in behalf of aged comrades. I trust that the years which remain to you may be years of peace and prosperity, as well for yourself as for your family. You have earned the right to rest. Be assured, Colonel, that I shall always remember you with the highest esteem. With sentiments of respect and with good wishes for yourself and excellent wife, I am as ever," etc.



CAPTAIN CHARLES KING, U. S. A., contributes to *Lippincott's Magazine* for March a novel complete, entitled, "A Soldier's Secret." It is well worth reading.

CAPTAIN W. P. VOSE, 2d U. S. Art., left Old Point Comfort, Va., on Sunday last on a short leave of absence.

LIEUTENANT W. C. NEARY, 3d U. S. Inf., has taken charge of recruiting matters at Ft. Pembina, N. D.

LIEUTENANT H. L. SCOTT, 7th U. S. Cav., has left Fort Sill, O. T., for a fortnight, for the benefit of his health.

LIEUTENANT R. D. POTTS, 3d U. S. Art., rejoined at Fort Monroe, Va., on Thursday of this week, from a short leave.

LIEUTENANT G. F. E. HARRISON, 2d U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., on Thursday of this week from a short leave.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL H. C. COOK, 4th U. S. Inf., now East on leave, is expected to join at Fort Spokane, Washington, in April.

CAPTAIN E. B. PRATT and 2d Lieut. H. N. Royden, U. S. A., have rejoined at Fort Hancock, from a pleasant visit to Fort Bliss, Texas.

COLONEL R. T. FRANK, U. S. A., commandant of the Artillery School, Fort Monroe, left Old Point Comfort on Saturday last on a week's leave.

CAPTAIN G. P. COTTON, 1st U. S. Artillery, who has been on recruiting duty at Scranton, Pa., on Feb. 22 removed his rendezvous to Jersey City, N. J.

LIEUTENANT J. G. GALBRAITH, 1st U. S. Cavalry, is a recent visitor to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to see as to the prospects of obtaining likely recruits in that vicinity.

MAJOR C. C. SNIFFEN, Paymaster, U. S. A., was expected to leave San Antonio this week for Washington, D. C., to report to Paym.-Gen. Smith for temporary duty.

CAPTAIN H. H. ADAMS, 18th U. S. Inf., was expected at Columbus Barracks, Ohio, this week, to receive a squad of recruits for his regiment and take them to San Antonio.

LIEUTENANT GRANGER ADAMS, 5th U. S. Artillery, whose wife recently died at the Presidio of San Francisco, has arrived in the East, and will remain until about the middle of April.

SALUTES were fired from Forts Columbus, Hamilton, and Wadsworth on Tuesday in honor of Secretary of the Treasury Foster, as he passed the forts on the steamship *Spree* bound for Europe.

COLONEL H. W. CLOSSON, 4th U. S. Artillery, arrived in Washington on Tuesday to attend the sessions of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification, and will return to New York in a few days.

GENERAL NELSON B. SWITZER, U. S. A., who is passing the winter at "The Richmond," Washington, D. C., is a recent addition to the roll of membership of the District of Columbia Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

MRS. HARRISON, wife of the President of the United States, presided on Monday at the opening of the first Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She read an address of welcome, with a little history of the society full of interesting particulars.

THE New York *Herald*, ever anxious to convey interesting news, tells us that when engaged in conversation, the Prince of Wales, if annoyed or nervous, winks his left eye rapidly. His son, Prince Edward, holds his chin between the thumb and first finger. The Emperor of Germany pulls furiously at his mustache. King Humbert, of Italy, whose mustache is longer and more silky, caresses it affectionately. The Emperor of Austria puffs out his cheeks. The Czar runs his fingers through his hair or lays his hand flat on the top of his head. The Khedive taps impatiently with his left foot.

At home cards were issued recently by Lieut. and Mrs. Lawrence D. Tyson, U. S. A., to those whom they were especially indebted, and in response to them 150 of Knoxville's well known society people attended the reception given at the beautiful residence of the young couple, No. 60 Henley street, to commemorate two events, their sixth wedding anniversary and also the one hundredth anniversary of the city of Knoxville. The reception was one of the most brilliant ones Knoxville society people have had the pleasure to attend for years. One noticeable feature was that four officers of the U. S. services were present in full regiments—Capt. James and Lieut. Tyson, of the Army, and Lieuts. Burdett and Milligan, of the Navy.—*Knoxville Journal*.

THE Sault Ste. Marie (Mich.) *Tribune* has the following complimentary allusion to Lieut. John Howard, 19th Inf.: "Since the old scarred warhorse Gen. Brady arrived in Sault Ste. Marie, about the year 1822, and hoisted the Stars and Stripes in place of the British flag which was floated over this city, shortly after the visit of Gen. Cass here, Fort Brady has been the home, for a time, of many distinguished Army officers, among whom may be named Gens. Ord, Abner Doubleday and Fitz-John Porter, all young men but remarkably bright officers when stationed here. The old fort will be heard from again, in this line, before she is finally vacated and moved upon the hill. Among the officers stationed here during the past few years have been some bright and social fellows, and one exceptionally so. He having been in the Army but a few months, and although appointed from civil life, is spoken of in Army circles as being the best tactician in the Regular Army to-day, he is also credited with being a young man with extra good judgment in social, as well as military matters, and had this Government been forced to have spanked Chili, the young officer would have without a doubt distinguished himself, and where promotions are rapid in active service, to those who distinguished themselves, it might have been that at the end of hostilities this young officer would have been in command of the forces on Chilian soil."

LIEUTENANT P. E. TRIPPE, 10th U. S. Cav., is a recent arrival at Fort Bayard, N. M.

LIEUTENANT LEIGHTON FINLEY, 10th U. S. Cav., is absent on a few weeks' leave from Fort Grant, Arizona.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM LASSITER, 16th U. S. Inf., was a visitor this week to Wilkesborough and Elkins, N. C.

COLONEL JAMES N. WHELAN, captain 2d U. S. Cav., on leave from Fort Stanton, N. M., is visiting in New York City.

COLONEL ALBERT TRACY, U. S. A., retired, of Portland, Me., is soon to join the Marine Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

LIEUTENANT G. T. LANGHORNE, 3d U. S. Cavalry, who has been active in the field for some time past, is a recent visitor at San Antonio.

THE *Coffee Cooler*, a G. A. R. paper published at Sturgis, Mich., says: "Michigan is honored by the presentation which took place in Chicago on Jan. 27 of a medal given for bravery by Congress to Capt. Frank D. Baldwin, 5th U. S. Inf., presented by Gen. Nelson A. Miles in a speech of earnest gratification. Captain Baldwin was born in Washtenaw county, Mich., June 26, 1842; he resided in Constantine, this county, a few years, and is greatly admired by many of our readers."

THE *World* has a long story to tell of the "boss boxer" at the Military Academy, having his honors wrested from him by another cadet who defeated him after three rounds fought in the cellar. It adds: "All the cadets were glad that the boss boxer had been stopped, but their sympathy went out to him when they saw the blood gushing from two ugly cuts in his face. A stretcher was brought and he was carried to the hospital. In a few hours he was almost himself again. His defeat gave him more pain than his wounds. He was so chagrined at having been beaten that he cried like a baby. On Monday night his condition alarmed the doctors. Symptoms of fever appeared. When a *World* reporter called at the Academy yesterday he was 'too feverish' to be seen." The defeated boxer is a member of the fourth class and the victor a member of the third class. One represents Nebraska and the other Nevada.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

H. S. B.—You stand about 36 on the commissary sergeant list.

C. H.—Martin Burke has been in charge of the National Cemetery at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., since December, 1890.

Subscriber asks: How many vacancies are there in the grade of assistant paymaster, U. S. Navy? Ans.—Five, and one more prospective.

R. C.—General E. D. Townsend was Adjutant-General of the Army from Feb. 22, 1890, until June 15, 1890, the day of his retirement from active service. His address is 2011 I street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

F. McK.—Retained pay is forfeited where men are discharged before expiration of term of service, under sentence of G. C. M. See A. R. 1503 (G. O. 56, A. G. O., of 1891.) Dishonorable discharge entails loss of transportation. See section 1290, Revised Statutes.

Quebec asks: "How can an officer promoted from the ranks have an assumed name changed after being commissioned?" Ans.—We believe it to be within the scope of the authority of the Secretary of War to authorize the change on a proper presentation of the facts in the case, duly attested and substantiated. In the case of Capt. John B. 4th U. S. Infantry (now out of service), his name was changed to John Laub de Laubenfeld by an Act of Congress, approved April 22, 1874 (see General Orders, 34 A. G. O., of 1874). We also recall the case where Sewall L. Fish entered the Military Academy, and was graduated as Sewell L. Fremont, but under what an authority is not on record.

W., of the 71st N. Y., complains that he, among other members of his regiment, turned in their marksmen's badges by order of the colonel some six months ago to have an additional bar attached, and to date have not had same returned. W. further asks if the State badge he wins is personal or regimental property, and whether members can be compelled to turn in their badges to the regiment against their will? Ans.—The badge in question is the personal property of the man winning it. He need not turn it in unless he desires. This order, however, is usually an advantage to the man, as the badges are turned in for the purpose of being regilded and having the new bar attached at the expense of the regiment. The badges, however, should be returned to the owners in a reasonable time, and it is not good policy for regimental headquarters to permit so long a delay.

#### FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS.

On the eve of his departure for the East the civilian employees of the prison presented Surgeon J. P. Wright, U. S. Army, with a silver desk set, consisting of inkstand, mulligan bottle, stamp box, blotting pad and paper cutter. This token of esteem was accompanied with a letter expressing to him their sincere thanks for the uniform kindness shown them during many years of association, and with the hope that the Almighty God will vouchsafe to him many years of health and happiness.

Miss Craigie returned Thursday from Fort Riley, accompanied by Lieut. Krayenbuhl, 2d Art.

Mrs. Craigie gave a "tea" Friday afternoon at her residence to announce the engagement of her daughter, Carol Louise, to Lieut. Maurice T. Krayenbuhl, 2d Artillery.

#### FORT HUACHUCA, A. T.

THE *Weekly Sentinel* says:

MAJOR CHAFFIN, Department Inspector, arrived Wednesday. He has been busy all the week. He went through everything; his eagle eye left nothing escape. He is a master in his art; his experience and skill are buttressed by a large supply of good square common sense. Great credit is due Col. De Russy for always keeping everything up to the mark.

Lieutenant Davison, 11th Inf., gave a lecture Friday upon Electricity and its practical uses upon the Target Range. He has invented an instrument which will not only read the shots upon the target, but describes the exact location, or o'clock of the shot.

The boundary line between the U. S. and Mexico is to be re-surveyed. Lieuts. Tripp and Seyburn will command the detachment of soldiers that will accompany the commission.

Of the cotillion party at Bisbee, Feb. 5, the *Prospector* says: "The music was furnished by the U. S. Inf. band from Huachuca. This band is undoubtedly the best in the territory."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 23, 1892.

THE Academy and town have been very gay for the past week, and will doubtless continue to be so until Lent puts an end to the winter's festivities. On Monday last Mrs. Lieut. Smith was the hostess of a delightful euchre party. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Lieut. Galt held a cadet reception in honor of her guests, Miss Galt and Miss Zausinger. A very successful Leap Year Ball was given at St. Johns College during the week, which many of the young ladies and officers of the yard attended. On Saturday afternoon, the Misses Walton, of Annapolis, gave a "cadet tea" at which a large number of the 2d and 3d Classes were invited. Among the young ladies present were Miss Barbour, Miss Niccola, the Misses Walton, and Miss Stewart. On Thursday afternoon a large body of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, at present holding a convention in Baltimore, paid a visit to Annapolis, and were shown through the academy ground and buildings by Capt. Phythian, Comdr. Craig, and Lieuts. Merriam, Galloway and Gov.

Lieut. Wm. H. Reeder is being congratulated by his many friends on having successfully passed his examination for promotion.

A complimentary concert is to be given in the Naval Institute Hall on Monday next to Miss Carrie V. Kidwell, of Baltimore, whose singing has been so much admired here this winter.

The battalion of cadets were paraded in full dress, under arms, in the armory yesterday morning, to witness the presentation of a medal to Cadet Frank B. Upham, of the 2d Class, he having attained the highest percentage of his class in the target practice during the past year. At about half past ten Capt. Phythian, accompanied by his assistant, Lieut. Merriam, entered the armory, where quite a number of spectators had already assembled. The cadets presented arms at the order of Lieut. Fullam, and Cadet Upham stepped to the front, Capt. Phythian pinning the medal on his breast with a few fitting words of congratulation, after which the battalion went through a short drill and were dismissed.

Studies and exercises have been suspended from 7.30 Sunday the 21st, to 7.30 Monday the 22d, by order of the superintendent. A number of cadets whose conduct warranted such a privilege have been granted leave.

The German given by the 1st Class in the Boat House Saturday night was very successful. The favors were very pretty. Those for one figure consisted of pin cushions, and needle cases in the shape of little hearts, tastefully gotten up in the class colors. Among the other favors were souvenir spoons of wood, hand painted, cadet button pins, paper cutters, small spinning wheels, and miniature mandolins and violins. Sixty couples danced the German, which was led by cadets Myers and Pringle. The figures were all pretty and went off very smoothly. Mrs. Phythian and Mrs. Chester presided over the favor tables. Among those dancing were Lieut. and Mrs. Halsey, P. A. Engr. and Mrs. Denig, P. A. Engr. and Mrs. Schell, Lieut. Walling and Miss Howell, of Washington, the Misses Wickes, Miss Keyes, Miss Walker, Miss Corner, Miss Poe, Miss Stewart, of Baltimore, Miss Farquhar, Miss Westcott, of Washington, the Misses Phythian, Miss Todd, Miss Nellie Reeder, Miss Schenck, Miss Handy, Miss Toddhunter, Miss Robinson, Miss Brewster, Miss Knowlton, Miss Craig, Miss Weld, Miss Chamberlain, Miss Dennis, Miss Anita Southgate, Miss Jones, Miss Murray and many others.

The President has appointed the following cadets-at-large at the United States Naval Academy: Paul E. Tausig, John T. Terry, Frank E. Ridgely and Richard J. Oglesby, Jr. There were about five hundred applicants for these places, mostly the sons of officers of the Navy. The cadets will report at Annapolis for examination next June. Paul Tausig is the son of Lieut. Edw. D. Tausig. John Terry is the son of Commander Silas W. Terry. Richard Oglesby is the son of ex-Gov. "Dick" Oglesby of Illinois. Frank Ridgely's father was formerly a cadet at the Naval Academy, but he did not continue in the Navy.

#### ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

A despatch of Feb. 22, says:

The anniversary of the birthday of George Washington was appropriately celebrated here to-night by a ball at the Ponce de Leon, given in honor of the 6th U. S. Inf., stationed at St. Francis Barracks. Music was furnished by a large orchestra and a military band alternately. The details of the ball were mostly arranged by Capt. Thomas M. Woodruff and Lieut. Miller.

Among the officials present were Gen. James F. Oakes and Gen. M. B. Hardin, U. S. A.; Lieut. Niblack, of Admiral Walker's flagship *Chicago*; Lieuts. Partello, J. W. Heany, Walter Chaffield, and Thomas Deffree; Col. J. J. Upham, Major J. C. Mallory, Lieut.-Col. D. L. Huntington, and Col. N. W. Osborne.

The guests were numerous, and included Col. DeLaney, Floyd Jones, Capt. A. V. H. Leroy, and Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr.

#### SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Gen. Stanley and Lieut. Holbrook have been absent, hunting north of the Salado.

1st Lieut. R. R. Stevens, 23d Inf., recently delivered a lecture at the officers' lyceum, at the post. For his subject he had taken "Fighting in the Woods."

1st Lieut. Wm. D. Beach, 3d Cav., accompanied by Mrs. Beach, has gone to Fort Leavenworth for a tour of duty as instructor at the infantry and cavalry school at that post. He takes the place of Lieut. H. L. Ripley, 3d Cav., who will join his troop at Fort Brown.

The Colonel and Lieutenant-Colonel of the 3d Cav., Albert P. Morrow and Eugene B. Beaumont, being both awaiting retirement from active service, thus leaving Major George A. Purinton as the senior officer present for duty, it is probable the latter will be ordered to Fort McIntosh to command the regiment at the post where the regimental headquarters are stationed.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT OMAHA, NEB.

A NATIONAL pageant, patriotic in its nature, is to take place at the Grand Opera House, Omaha, Feb. 26 and 27, in which many of the Fort Omaha garrison will participate, the effort being in aid of the Women's Christian Association. Tableau No. 6 is the historic Battle of Bunker Hill with the following characters: Gen. Warren, Dr. W. G. Spencer, U. S. A.; Gen. Putnam, Lieut. J. S. Mallory, U. S. Army; Gen. Putnam, Capt. C. A. Dempsey, U. S. A.; Major Knowlton, Lieut. A. R. Piper, U. S. A.; Continental Soldiers and British soldiers, 2d U. S. Infantry; quartette; Mrs. C. Parke, Mrs. Gen. Wheaton, Mrs. D. Hartaust and Mrs. Dr. Spencer and Mrs. Lieut. Mallory—patrons. In the "Reception to Washington and Lafayette" Lieuts. Powell and Whitman are among the gentlemen dancers of the minuet. In the tableau Declaration of Independence the talent will be largely composed of Army talent from Fort Omaha.

The weekly hop Friday night at Fort Omaha was as bright and successful as could be. There was only one or two out from town, but the post people turned out in full force. Mrs. Wheaton, Mrs. Parke and Mrs. Spencer were in charge of the supper, which, it goes without saying, was an elegant one and highly appreciated. X. X. X.

A COMMISSION of naval and military officers was appointed Feb. 20 to examine and prepare plans for the defence of the harbor of Iquique, Chili.



## THE ARMY.

**BENJAMIN HARRISON, President and Commander-in-Chief.**

**STEPHEN B. ELKINS, Secretary of War.**

**LEWIS A. GRANT, Assistant Secretary of War.**

## NOMINATIONS.

Major John W. Clous, Judge-Advocate, to be Deputy Judge-Advocate-General with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, July 12, vice Curtis, deceased.

G. O. 4, DEPT. OF DAKOTA, Feb. 15, 1892.

Announces the death at St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12, of Lieut.-Col. Herbert Pelham Curtis, Deputy Judge-Advocate-General, Judge-Advocate of this Department, recounts his services and directs that in honor of his memory the officers of the Department Staff will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days.

## STAFF CORPS AND DEPARTMENTS.

## Judge Advocate General's Department.

Leave for seven days, from Feb. 15, is granted Capt. Enoch H. Crowder, Act. J. A., Dept. of the Platte, Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 13, Feb. 13, D. Platte.)

## Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

## Pay Department.

Maj. John C. Muhlenberg, Paymr., will proceed on public business to Portland, Ore., and return (S. O. 17, Feb. 15, D. Columbia.)

Maj. Culver C. Sniffen, Paymr., will report to the Paymaster-General of the Army for temporary duty in Washington, D. C. (S. O. 20, H. Q. A.)

The extension of leave granted Maj. Joseph W. Wham, Paymr., is further extended one month on account of sickness (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

## Medical Department.

Capt. William C. Borden, Asst. Surg., will proceed to Mount Vernon Barracks, Ala., and report for temporary duty (S. O. 25, Feb. 20, D. East.)

Hospl. Stwd. Charles W. Cramer, Hospl. Corps, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex., is temporarily transferred for duty to Ft. Bliss, Tex. (S. O. 18, Feb. 13, D. Texas.)

The Comdg. Gen. Dept. Dakota will grant a furlough for six months to Hospl. Steward Jas. D. Sadler, now on duty at Fort Meade, S. D. (S. O., Feb. 23, H. Q. A.)

## Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

A Board of Officers of the Corps of Engineers, to consist of Col. Wm. P. Craighill, Lieut.-Col. Geo. H. Elliot and Major Charles E. L. B. Davis, will assemble at Washington, D. C., on the call of the senior member, to consider and report upon the subject of harbor lines in the Anacostia River, Eastern Branch of the Potomac, from its mouth to Benning Bridge (S. O. 10, Feb. 20, C. E.)

Leave for 15 days, to take effect about March 1, is granted 1st Lieut. Harry Taylor (S. O. 11, Feb. 23, C. E.)

Officers of the Corps of Engineers will, on their monthly personal reports to this office, report their residences, giving the addresses thereof in such detail as may be necessary to ensure the delivery of telegrams at other than office hours (Circular 1, Feb. 23, C. E.)

## THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

## 1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdgrs., B, E, G, K, and L, Ft. Custer, Mont.; D, Ft. Keogh, Mont.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, and F, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; H, Fort Buford; A, Ft. Myer, Va.—Indian troop.

1st Lieut. Oscar J. Brown, A. D. C., will accompany the remains of the late Lieut.-Col. Herbert P. Curtis, D. J. A. G., to Boston, Mass., and return to his proper station (S. O. 22, Feb. 13, D. Dak.)

1st Lieut. Jacob G. Galbraith, recruiting officer, Davenport, will proceed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and establish a temporary branch rendezvous at that place (S. O. 39, Feb. 17, Rec. Ser.)

## 3rd Cavalry, Colonel Albert P. Morrow.

Hdgrs., G, I, and K, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; F, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; A, C, and D, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Earle Pass, Tex.; E, Camp Puma Colorado, Tex.; L, Fort Meade, S. D.—Indian troop.

Major L. T. Morris, Fort McIntosh, will proceed to San Diego, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 18, Feb. 13, D. Tex.)

## 4th Cavalry, Colonel Chas. E. Compton.

Hdgrs., A, D, and H, Ft. Walla Walla, Wash.; C, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.; G, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; E, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; F, Boise Bks., Idaho; B, I, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; L, Fort Sherman.—Indian troop.

2d Lieut. Letcher Hardeman will proceed on public business to Fort Sherman, Idaho, and will return to his camp on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation, Idaho (S. O. 18, Feb. 13, D. Columbia.)

## 5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdgrs., B, C, E, G, H, and L, Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; D and H, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian troop.

So much of par. 3, S. O. 33, Feb. 9, H. Q. A., as assigns 2d Lieut. Powell Clayton, Jr., to Troop I, is amended so as to assign him to Troop L as of the date of his appointment (S. O., Feb. 23, H. Q. A.)

## 6th Cavalry, Colonel Eugene A. Carr.

Hdgrs., A, E, F, G, K, and L, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C, D, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.—Indian troop.

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, G, I, and K, Ft. Riley, Kas.; F, H, and L, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.—Indian troop.

The following promotion and appointment is made in Troop C: Corpl. Frank Stevenson, to be sergt., and Pvt. Fred J. Russell, to be corporal. In Troop H: Corpl. Chas. E. Booth, to be sergt., and Pvt. John W. Humphrey, to be corporal (Orders 31, Feb. 13, 7th Cav.)

Leave for 14 days on surgeon's certificate is granted 1st Lieut. Hugh L. Scott, Fort Sill, O. T. (S. O. 14, Feb. 16, Dept. M.)

## 9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdgrs., A, D, E, F, G, and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Ft. Du Chesse, Utah; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; K, Fort Myer, Va.

Major Charles S. Hsley is assigned to station at Ft. Robinson, Neb. (S. O. 13, Feb. 13, D. Platte.)

## 10th Cavalry, Colonel John K. Misher.

Hdgrs., A, F, G, and K, Ft. Grant, A. T.; E, and I, Ft. Apache, A. T.; B and H, San Carlos, A. T.; C and D, Ft. Bayard, N. M.

2d Lieut. Robert G. Paxton will proceed from Fort Grant, A. T., to El Paso, Texas, and relieve 1st Lieut. Percy E. Trippe from command of cavalry detachment on duty with the Boundary Line Survey Commission; on being so relieved Lieut. Trippe will rejoin his proper station—Fort Bayard, N. M.—for duty (S. O. 25, Feb. 17, D. Ariz.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Leighton Finley is extended 23 days (S. O. 25, Feb. 17, D. Ariz.)

## 2nd Artillery, Colonel John Mendenhall.

Hdgrs., C, G, and H, Ft. Adams, R. I.; L, Ft. Trumbull, Conn.; E, Ft. Preble, Me.; B and D, Ft. Warren, Mass.; A\* and F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; I, Ft. Monroe, Va.; K and M, Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.—Light battery.

The leave for seven days granted Capt. H. G. Litchfield, Fort Trumbull, is extended seven days (S. O. 25, Feb. 20, D. East.)

1st Lieut. V. H. Bridgman is detailed and Capt. John C. Scantling and 1st Lieut. Louis Ostheim are relieved as members and 2d Lieut. LeRoy S. Lyon is relieved as J.-A. of the G. C. M. at Fort Warren during the trial of Corpl. Helm, and 1st Lieut. Louis Ostheim is detailed as J.-A. for the trial of that case (S. O. 24, Feb. 19, D. East.)

Leave for 15 days, to commence about March 1, with permission to apply for an extension of 15 days, is granted 1st Lieut. Medore Crawford (S. O. 26, Feb. 24, D. East.)

1st Lieut. Henry A. Reed is relieved as a member of the G. C. M. at Fort Schuyler during the trial of Pvt. F. Efner, in order that he may act as counsel for the prisoner (S. O. 26, Feb. 24, D. East.)

## 4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdgrs., C, D, K, L, E, G, and I, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; A and M, Ft. Barranca, Fla.; B, Fort Adams, R. I.—Light battery.

Capt. Harry C. Cushing is detailed member for the trial of Corpl. Frank Helm, Bat. B, 2d Art., only, of the G. C. M. at Fort Warren (S. O. 24, Feb. 19, D. East.)

## 5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdgrs., B, C, D, F, H, and K, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; E, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and L, Ft. Canby, Wash.; I, and J, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—Light battery.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Granger Adams, R. Q. M., with permission to apply for an extension of one month (S. O. 17, Feb. 12, D. Cal.)

Leave for ten days, to take effect about Feb. 21, is granted Capt. John R. Brinkie (S. O. 18, Feb. 13, D. Cal.)

## 1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdgrs., A, B, D, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C and E, Benicia Bks., Cal.; F, Ft. Gaston, Cal.; I, Ft. Bidwell, Cal.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Frank de L. Carrington, adjt., will proceed to Columbus Bks., O., in time to report there on Feb. 24, and conduct a detachment of recruits for the 1st Inf. to Angel Island, Cal. (S. O. 17, Feb. 12, D. Cal.)

1st Lieut. Louis P. Brant will proceed to Benicia Bks., Cal., and return to his station, Angel Island, Cal. (S. O. 18, Feb. 15, D. Cal.)

## 2nd Infantry, Colonel Frank Wheaton.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Omaha, Neb.

## 3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; I, Ft. Sully, S. D.—Indian company.

2d Lieut. Wm. C. Neary is detailed as recruiting officer at Fort Pembina, N. D. (S. O. 23, Feb. 16, D. Dak.)

## 4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdgrs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G, and I, Ft. Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—Indian company.

2d Lieut. Eli A. Helmick will proceed from Spokane to Fort Walla Walla, Wash., as witness before the G. C. M. in session at that post (S. O. 17, Feb. 15, D. Columbia.)

The leave granted Lieut.-Col. Henry C. Cook is extended one month (S. O., Feb. 19, H. Q. A.)

## 5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdgrs., D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; C and G, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

At a meeting of Co. G, 5th Inf., Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala., Feb. 19, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst our beloved comrade, 1st Sergt. James Dooley, and whereas, the intimate relations long held by our deceased comrade with members of this company render it proper that we should place on record our appreciation of his soldierly qualities and his merits as a man, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of 1st Sergt. James Dooley this company loses a 1st sergeant who was always just and impartial in his duties, a faithful soldier, a kind friend, always devoted to the best interests of the company, who in the dangers and hardships incident to a soldier's life displayed a high order of courage and discipline, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of our deceased comrade and the ARMY AND NAVY JOURNAL.

RICHARD QUINN, Sergt., Co. G, 5th Inf., president.

WM. DUDLEY, Pvt., Co. G, 5th Inf., secretary.

1st Sergt. James Dooley, Co. G, who died recently at Mt. Vernon Bks., was buried Feb. 19 in the National Cemetery at Mobile, Ala.

## 6th Infantry, Colonel Melville A. Cochran.

Hdgrs., F, and G, Ft. Thomas, Ky.; K, Newport Barracks, Ky.; A, Ft. Wood, N. Y.; H, and B, Ft. Porter, N. Y.; C, Ft. Ontario, N. Y.; I, Ft. Plattburgh Barracks, N. Y.

We are indebted to Sergt.-Major Devereux for a copy of a neat roster of N. C. O.'s, 6th Infantry, for February.

## 7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, and I, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; Fort Sill, O. T.—Indian company.

Capt. Charles A. Booth, recruiting officer, Harrisburg, Pa., will proceed to Sunbury, Pa., on duty in

connection with the recruiting service (S. O. 40, Feb. 18, Rec. Ser.)

## 8th Infantry, Colonel J. J. Van Horn.

Hdgrs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—Indian company.

The leave granted Capt. Wm. L. Pitcher is extended 23 days (S. O. 13, Feb. 13, D. Platte.)

## 11th Infantry, Colonel Isaac D. DeRussy.

Hdgrs., F, and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.; A and D, Madison Bks., N. Y.; B and G, Fort Apache, A. T.; C and E, Ft. Niobrara, N. Y.

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdgrs., B, C, D, E, F, and G, Vancouver Bks., Wash.; A and I, Ft. Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—Indian company.

## 15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

## 16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I, Ft. Douglas, Utah.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Wm. Lassiter, recruiting officer, Greenborough, will visit the temporary branch rendezvous at Wilkesborough Feb. 24, and proceed from thence to Elkin, N. C., on duty with the recruiting service (S. O. 39, Feb. 17, Rec. Ser.)

## 18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Laselle.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, D, F, G, and H, Ft. Clark, Tex.; E, Fort Ringgold, Tex.

Capt. Charles B. Hinton, recruiting officer, Springfield, will proceed to Worcester, Mass., on duty in connection with the recruiting service (S. O. 38, Feb. 16, Rec. Ser.)

## 20th Infantry, Colonel Elwell S. Otis.

Hdgrs., A, B, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. Assiniboine, Mont.; C, and I, Camp Poplar River, Mont.—Indian company.

## 21st Infantry, Colonel Horace Jewett.

Hdgrs., A, B, C, and E, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; D, Ft. Du Chesse, Utah; F, G, H, and I, Ft. Randall, S. D.—Indian company.

1st Lieut. Francis E. Eltonhead is detailed for duty on General Recruiting Service, for the Dept. Platte, at Fort Randall, S. D., in place of 2d Lieut. Edmund L. Butts, who is relieved (S. O. 13, Feb. 13, D. Platte.)

## 23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.

Hdgrs., A, E, F, and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B and D, Ft. Bliss, Tex.; C and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.

1st Lieut. J. K. Thompson, adjt., Fort Sam Houston, will proceed to Corpus Christi and San Diego, Tex., on public business (S. O. 18, Feb. 13, D. Tex.)

The leave granted 2d Lieut. George B. Davis is extended one month (S. O., Feb. 20, H. Q. A.)

## 24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdgrs., A, D, E, and F, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; B, Ft. Thomas, A. T.; C, Ft. Bowie, A. T.; G and H, San Carlos, Ariz.

We have to thank Adjt. Crane, of the 24th Infantry, for a copy of a roster of non-commissioned officers of that regiment corrected to Feb. 1, 1892. It is a neat and handy document, and covers all changes in the regiment since December, 1889.

(For Late Army Orders see page 476.)

## Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Snelling, Minn., Feb. 16. Detail: Capt. Charles Robert, Joseph Hale, John P. Thompson, Melville C. Wilkinson, John W. Hannon, and Philip Reed, 3d Inf.; 1st Lieut. Lorenzo W. Cooke, Wm. C. Buttler and George Bell, Jr., 3d Inf.; 2d Lieut. James T. Dean, 3d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Henry P. McCain, 3d Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 21, Feb. 12, D. Dak.)

At San Diego Bks., Cal., Feb. 16. Detail: Majors Samuel M. Horton, surg., and Edward W. Whittemore, 10th Inf.; Capt. Charles L. Davis, 10th Inf.; 1st Lieut. John H. Shollenberger, 10th Inf., 2d Lieut. Chauncey B. Baker, 7th Inf., A. D. C., and Matt R. Peterson, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Charles L. Collins, 11th Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 24, Feb. 15, D. Ariz.)

At Fort Keogh, Mont., Feb. 24. Detail: Capt. Platt M. Thorne, Wm. Conway and Hiram H. Ketchum, 23d Inf., 1st Lieut. Edward O. C. Ord, 23d Inf.; 2d Lieut. Thomas M. Moody, Wm. A. Phillips, Robert M. Hamilton, Hanson E. Ely and Albert C. Dalton, 23d Inf., and 1st Lieut. Jacob F. Kreps, 23d Inf., J.-A. (S. O. 24, Feb. 15, D. Dak.)

At Jefferson Bks., Mo., Feb. 22. Detail: Major David G. Caldwell, surg.; Capt. Wm. W. Robinson, Jr., A. Q. M.; 1st Lieut. Hoel S. Bishop, 5th Cav.; Jas. N. Allison and Thos. J. Lewis, 2d Cav.; Parker W. West, 3d Cav.; John H. Gardner and Charles J. Stevens, 9th Cav., and Robt. D. Walsh, 4th Cav., and 1st Lieut. John N. Glass, 6th Cav., J.-A. (S. O., Feb. 23, H. Q. A.)

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## FORT RILEY, KANSAS.

FEBRUARY 16, 1892.

The largest progressive euchre we have ever had was given last Thursday evening by Lieut. and Mrs. Polire at the hop room. It was a very delightful affair. Mrs. Whit-side, Mrs. Nicholson and Miss Grimes had to play off for the ladies' prize, a beautiful solid silver spoon. Mrs. Whit-side came off victorious. Capt. Grimes won the men's prize, a handsome inkstand and penholder combined. After refreshments were served, there was a "cake walk," which excited a great deal of laughter and fun. Mrs. Wilson, Miss Schenck and Col. Woodruff had to out for the cake, which contained a "Miles Standish" coffee spoon. Mrs. Wilson was the fortunate one. The hop on Friday night, although attended by only a few, was a lively affair. It was one of the "off night" hops—that is, no supper. Every other week a handsome supper is served in the library, which is right below the hop room. It takes a "supper hop" to bring out all the "old stagers" who are tired of dancing. Capt. and Mrs. Garlington entertained friends at dinner on Friday evening. Mrs. Edgerly gave a small whist party Saturday evening. Miss Wilson is a guest of Capt. and Mrs. Jackson's. The latter has been ill in bed for some days. Lieut. Tompkins is recovering from an attack of the grip. Miss Tompkins, after spending a week with Mrs. Slocum and another with Mrs. Frank Bell, is now visiting at Mrs. Woodruff's. Needless to mention her popularity. Miss Craigie spent a week with Mrs. Woodruff and is now at Mrs. Gifford's. She leaves for Leavenworth this week, much to the regret of everyone, especially one artilleryman. Miss Berta Baehs, who has been visiting her numerous friends here, left for Omaha last Sunday. Gen. Forsyth and Capt. Edgerly returned from a week's visit to Denver yesterday. Cards are out for a ladies' progressive euchre and luncheon at Mrs. Nicholson's on Friday. Last Saturday Mrs. Bullock received her friends from 3 until 5 o'clock. Mrs. Baldwin poured tea. Mrs. Wilson served chocolate and Mrs. McCormick did the honors of the dining room. Mr. Buford was a guest for a few days last week of Lieut. and Mrs. Bell. Their house is seldom without a visitor. Major Hsley leaves for Fort Robinson to-morrow. He will be very sadly missed. The 7th Cavalry hates to see him leave it, although they rejoice with him in his promotion. May he receive as hearty a welcome from the 8th Cavalry as he deserves. GUNSMAN



## DEPARTMENT NEWS.

## Dept. of Arizona.—Brig.-Gen. A. McD. McCook.

Major Gen. Schofield received a telegram Feb. 18 from Gen. McCook saying a fight had occurred at Fort Stanton, N. M., Feb. 17 between Mescalero and Lipan Indians, during which four men were killed and one wounded, but affairs have quieted down and no further trouble is anticipated.

## Dept. of Texas.—Brig. Gen. D. S. Stanley.

A despatch of Feb. 22 from San Antonio says: "A report has reached here that Catarino Garza has been caught and shot by Mexican soldiers in the State of Tamaulipas, Mexico, but nothing of a bonifiditary character is known at either the Mexican Consulate or military headquarters."

Troops are still active along the border, but there is nothing to indicate that the attempted revolution will be renewed. Capt. Chase, with a detachment of troops, several days ago rounded up the ranch of Garza's father-in-law, in Neuquero County, but found no clue to Garza.

The Secretary of State has received a telegram from Minister Ryan at Mexico in regard to the condition of affairs in that country, in which he says: "Minister for Foreign Affairs in Mexico makes the following statement: 'According to advices had by this [Mexican] Government, the bands of Catarino Garza, organized solely in the State of Texas, have been completely dispersed, thanks to the efficient pursuit of same recently set on foot in said State by United States forces.'"

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## COLONEL GEORGE BELL, A. C. G. S.

On March 12, 1892, there retires from active service, by operation of law, Col. Geo. Bell, Assistant Commissary-General of Subsistence and Brevet Brigadier-General, U. S. Army, an officer having a long, faithful and distinguished career of nearly 30 years in the Army.

Gen. Bell was graduated at the Military Academy at West Point, on July 1, 1853, and among his classmates were Gens. James B. McPherson, John M. Schofield, P. H. Sheridan, Wm. R. Terrill, John B. Hood, R. O. Tyler, etc.

Gen. Bell entered the service as brevet 2d lieutenant of artillery, and was successively promoted to the rank of 2d and 1st lieutenant, and was selected for and offered the rank of captain of infantry, but declined this, preferring service in his own arm, the artillery.

On August 3, 1861, he was appointed captain and commissary of subsistence, U. S. A., and by regular promotion became major, lieutenant-colonel, colonel and assistant commissary-general of subsistence, receiving also, during the War of the Rebellion the brevets of major, lieutenant-colonel, colonel and brigadier-general for his distinguished services during the war.

His energy, zeal and great ability were recognized by the authorities, and he was conspicuous for his success particularly in the location and management of the great depots of supply of the Subsistence Department, established at the bases, for the Army of the Potomac during its campaigns and movements.

This gifted officer of spotless personal character, and unblemished official record, in leaving the active service, will carry with him the respect, regard and admiration of all with whom he has been associated.

ONE OF THE CLASS OF 1853.

This tribute to Gen. Bell will receive a cordial response from all who know this officer. He will carry with him into retirement the respect and good wishes of all who honor zeal, ability and fidelity in the public service.—EDITOR JOURNAL.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ON THE JAMESTOWN.

The U. S. T. S. *Jamestown* was towed from Norfolk to Hampton Roads on Saturday, where she came to anchor on account of a thick fog. She remained here storm-bound over Sunday and Monday. Washington's Birthday was duly celebrated on board. Sunday morning Chaplain Royce, a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as well as of the Loyal Legion, preached a sermon to the boys appropriate to the celebration of the next day. In the evening he also gave a short talk upon the life of Washington. On Monday, the 22d, at quarters Washington's address to Congress on the occasion of resigning his commission was read by the executive, Lieut.-Comdr. Ross. In the evening Capt. Goodrich further enjoyed the day by reading Washington's farewell address, which was listened to with marked attention by all hands assembled on the gun deck. The *Jamestown* will sail the first opportunity for the West Indies, her first port of call being Bridgeton, Barbadoes.

**Unassigned Recruits.**—It was not contemplated by the War Department, in inaugurating the department recruiting service, that any department recruit should be borne as unassigned at the end of a month, as such course leads to a confusion of records. Department recruiting officers make enlistments for any company or regiment in the department, in which there are vacancies. If the recruit makes a special choice of company, and there is a vacancy therein, he should be enlisted for that company, and no order of assignment is necessary; if he selects a regiment simply, without choice of company (unless the enlistment be for the regimental band), the recruiting officer should determine the company in the interests of the service, under general instructions from the department superintendent and make the enlistment for such company.—Letter A. G. O., Feb. 1, 1892.

## A SUFFICIENT EULOGY.

"Dead at his post of duty." 'Tis enough;  
What finer eulogy? All the boast  
Of pomp and glory seems but idle breath  
Beside the quiet dignity of death.  
Where death and duty blend—solution most  
Complete of all life's problems. 'Tis enough.  
Dead; and at his post.

—Frederic W. Pangborn in *Harper's Weekly*.

## THE NAVY

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy  
JAMES R. SOLEY, Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

## NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

## N. At. Station.—R.-Adml. Bancroft Gherardi

PHILADELPHIA, 1st rate, 12 guns flagship, Capt. Frederick Rodgers. Left Montevideo for Barbadoes, Feb. 18.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander O. A. Batcheller. Left Montevideo for Barbadoes, Feb. 18.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. H. Elmer. Arrived at Jamaica Feb. 23.

MIANTONOMOH, monitor, 3d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Seward, comdg. At New York. Will shortly try her guns and speed in Gardiner's Bay.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder, comdg. At New York Navy-yard.

NEWARK, 1st rate, 12 guns, Capt. Silas Casey. At Norfolk, Va., Feb. 26. It is thought she may make a cruise in European waters.

## S. At. Station.—Act'g R.-Admiral J. G. Walker.

Mails for vessels on this station should be addressed to the care of the U. S. Consul, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, or care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London, unless otherwise noted.

CHICAGO, flagship, 1st rate, 14 guns, Capt. J. N. Miller. At Montevideo, Feb. 22.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. F. J. Higginson. At Montevideo, Feb. 22.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander R. B. Bradford. At Montevideo, Feb. 22.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. A. S. Snow. At Montevideo, Feb. 22.

YANTIC, 3d rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. At Buenos Ayres, Jan. 27.

## Pacific Station.—Act'g Rear Adml. Geo. Brown.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

BALTIMORE, 1st rate, 10 guns, Captain Wm. Whitehead. At Mare Island, Cal.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain G. C. Wiltse. At Callao Feb. 23, on which day she was ordered to have her machinery overhauled.

IROQUOIS, 3d rate, 7 guns. Comdr. J. J. Read. At Apia, Samoa, at last accounts. Ordered home, and is probably now en route for San Francisco.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Commander O. S. Cotton. At San Francisco, fitting out for cruise, and it is expected will relieve the Iroquois at Samoa.

PENSAOOLA, 2d rate, 16 guns, flagship, Captain Albert Kautz. At Honolulu Dec. 17. Will return to San Francisco upon the arrival of San Francisco at Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1st rate, 12 guns, flagship, Capt. Wm. T. Sampson. Left San Diego, Cal., Feb. 17, for Honolulu.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander R. D. Evans. At Callao, Peru, Feb. 24.

## Astoria Station.—Rear Adml. D. B. Harmony.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. R. D. Hitchcock. At Canton, China, Feb. 2.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Felix McCurley. At Yokohama, Japan, Feb. 2.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. H. B. Seely. At Hong Kong, China, Feb. 2.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain G. C. Remy. Capt. W. F. Picking ordered to command; will relieve Capt. Remy about March 12. At Mare Island, Cal.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. At Chinkiang, China, Feb. 2.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. J. R. Bartlett. At Yokohama Feb. 2.

PALOS, 4th rate, 7 howitzers. Lieut. Comdr. J. C. Rich. At Taku, China, for the winter.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. M. R. S. Mackenzie. At Singapore Feb. 5.

## Apprentice Training Squadron.

JAMESTOWN, 13 guns, Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. Left Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va., Feb. 20 for winter cruise. Mail matter for the U. S. S. *Jamestown* should be mailed in the U. S., so as to arrive at New York not later than March 22 for Barbadoes and April 23 for St. Thomas. After the later date mail should be sent to Station E, New York City. Address letters care of U. S. Consul, and be careful to state name of vessel.

PORTSMOUTH, 13 guns, Comdr. O. D. Sigabee. Sailed from Norfolk, Virginia, February 4, for the West Indies. The schedule of her winter cruise with mail address is as follows: Winter cruise, sailing dates, from Barbadoes, March 6; from Port of Spain, April 5; from St. Thomas, April 15. Address mail as follows: Until Feb. 27, to the ship, care U. S. Consul, Port of Spain, Trinidad; from March 25 to April 10, to the ship, care U. S. Consul, St. Thomas, Danish West Indies; after April 10, to the ship at Fort Monroe, Va. Mail may be sent at any time by way of New York, and should be in New York by the dates indicated in the above schedule, according to which address it is intended for. Special mail.—The mail of Feb. 27 for Barbadoes leaves Newport News, Va., on that date. Mail to go by it should be addressed to "U. S. S. Portsmouth, care U. S. Consul, Barbadoes, West Indies," and should be marked "via U. S. and Brazil Mail steamer from Newport News, Va."

RICHMOND, 2d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Capt. E. E. Potter. At dock foot of West 50th street N. Y. City.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. J. H. Sands. Ordered to Hampton Roads, Va. At Trinidad, Jan. 29. Will cruise among the islands to the northward and gradually work her way to Hampton Roads, Va., to arrive there about May 1. Address Old Point Comfort, Va.

## On Special Service.

## AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander Colby M. Chester, commanding, in addition to his other duties. Cadet practice and training ship at Annapolis.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. A. J. Iverson. Arrived at Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18, from New York.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 gattlings). Commander Geo. E. Wingate. In winter quarters at Erie, Pa.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. Washburn Maynard. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green, nautical school-ship of Pennsylvania. Sailed from Philadelphia, January 30, on her winter cruise. She will go to Point à Pitre, Basse Terre, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, Kingston, Jamaica, and other West Indian ports. The cruise will occupy several months.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

THEETIS, 3d rate, 3 machine guns. Commander Geo. C. Reiter. On surveying duty off the Coast of Lower California and West Coast of New Mexico.

## VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

THE N. Y. Tribune says: "The preparation to put the double-turreted monitor *Miantonomoh* and the steel-clad coast-defense monitor *Monterey* and the other low freeboard vessels into fighting condition awakened an interest in those vessels, and many a naval expert who has visited the *Miantonomoh* and the *Puritan*, the *Terror* and the cheese-box monitor *Nantuxet*, at the Navy-yard, realized and admitted that they have advantages which the high-side battleships have not. It was demonstrated in the Civil War, and it is now admitted, that the United States Navy possesses in these low-lying unmasted craft vessels of war which may easily escape being detected until they are within a short distance of the object of attack."

ANOTHER of the four colliers that were recently despatched to the Pacific by this Government in expectation of war with Chili has been heard from and intercepted at Tenerife, where it arrived Feb. 18. This collier coaled up at Cardiff, and Tenerife was its first stopping place on its journey from English to Chilean waters. Its cargo will be discharged and sold there under an arrangement between the Government and the contractor. This makes three colliers that have been intercepted in the interest of economy, and the fourth is expected daily at Montevideo, where there are orders for the discharge of its cargo and its immediate return to the United States. The news of the arrival of the third collier at Tenerife was received with gratification at the Navy Department, where some anxiety was felt concerning the vessel, as it had been out a long time and was considerably overdue.—N. Y. Herald.

THE *Commercial Bulletin* of Boston says: "The demands made upon the American Ship Windlass Co., Providence, increase so regularly that they are obliged to enlarge their facilities almost yearly. The latest addition is a solidly constructed shop 112x64 feet, which will be used for erecting heavy work. It is supplied with a 20-ton electric overhead travelling crane, the power being furnished by the Thomson-Houston system. There is a 72-inch engine lathe 30 feet long, and a 7-foot radial drill, but there is very little machinery in the room. The floor is specially solid, the timbers being placed on a concrete bed, and on 3-inch boards is laid a flooring of 1½-inch rock maple, making a splendid surface. The building is heated by the Sturtevant blower system, is well lighted throughout, and is complete in all its appointments. This company is now making 15 windlasses for various cities on the lakes, as well as for the *New York* and "No. 12" and "No. 13," now being constructed by Cramp and Sons; the second named is planned to be the fastest war vessel afloat. They are also making windlasses for the battleships *Massachusetts* and *Indiana*, and for the United States monitor *Amphitrite*. Thirty-two of the 184 pages of their fine catalogue just issued is devoted to an enumeration of the ships, yachts, etc., using their windlasses. The book contains a large fund of information of interest to ship owners and builders. For twenty years Cramp and Sons have used no other work, and for nearly the same period the remark is true of the Morgan Iron Works. They have work enough on hand to last them in the neighborhood of six months, notwithstanding the enlargement of their facilities."

THE official investigation as to the causes of the recent breakdown of the *Baltimore's* condensing apparatus indicates that the impact of water mixed with mud and grit against the outer surfaces of the condenser tubes gradually wore away the soft outer tin and lead coating at certain points, thereby exposing the copper composition metal, and setting up a strong galvanic current between the tubes thus exposed and the adjacent tubes, which as yet suffered no abrasion. This current, long continued, would result in wearing away and puncturing the exposed surfaces. As the accident itself was singular and mysterious so will the report thereon possess an unusual degree of curious interest, for many features of the case have been found to be without precedent or parallel. The *Baltimore's* condensing apparatus is an English machine, which was adopted somewhat experimentally on the *Baltimore* only, all the rest of our large naval vessels being supplied with American condensers, which work on a diametrically opposite principle. In the American condensers the cold water runs through the small condensing pipes and the space surrounding them within the box is filled with steam, while in the *Baltimore's* condensers the steam coursed through the pipes and the cold water rushed into the space surrounding them. The cost of replacing the apparatus has been fully \$12,600. The same apparatus has been reintroduced in the *Baltimore*, but zinc rods have been placed in the new condenser, the hope that hereafter the galvanic current will attack the zinc, as being the weaker metal, and thus be diverted from the copper pipes.



THE *Boston* has been ordered north to San Francisco from Callao. She will stop at all important ports en route.

THE Naval Board for the selection of small boats, consisting of Capt. Philip, Comdr. Chadwick, Lieut. Kelley and Asst. Naval Constructor Taylor, held a meeting in Philadelphia last week to formulate the plan and scope of this most important duty.

#### NAVY GAZETTE.

##### Ordered.

FEB. 19.—P. A. Engineer Robert D. Taylor, to examination for promotion.

FEB. 23.—Captain A. T. Mahan, as president of the War College.

FEB. 25.—Commander Yates Stirling, as member Naval Examining and Retiring Boards.

Ensign Edward Moale, Jr., to Adams March 22.

Boatswain A. McCone, to Navy-yard, Norfolk.

##### Detached.

FEB. 19.—P. A. Engineer Ira N. Hollis, from the Charleston on reporting of relief and placed on waiting orders.

Assistant Engineer Victor Blue, from duty at the Union Iron works, San Francisco, Cal., and ordered to the Charleston.

FEB. 20.—Lieut.-Commander Uriel Sebree, from the Baltimore upon the reporting of his relief and granted four months' leave.

Lieut.-Commander A. B. H. Lille, from the Navy-yard, New York, March 10 next and ordered to the Baltimore as executive.

Lieutenant D. Deleahanty, from the command of the Coast Survey steamer Haseler on March 1 next and granted three months' leave.

P. A. Surgeon V. C. B. Means, from the Naval Hospital, New York, and ordered to duty at the Navy-yard, New York.

Assistant Surgeon Geo. A. Lung, from the Navy-yard, New York, and ordered to duty at the Naval Hospital, New York.

FEB. 24.—Sailmaker Wm. Redstone, from the Norfolk Navy-yard, Va., and ordered to the receiving-ship Independence, Mare Island, Cal.

FEB. 25.—Commander Thos. Nelson, as equipment officer at Navy-yard, Mare Island, March 22, and ordered to command the Adams.

Lieutenant Chas. A. Adams, from receiving ship Vermont March 16 and ordered to the Adams.

Lieutenant Wm. P. Elliot, from duty in Bureau of Equipment Feb. 20 and ordered to the Adams.

Lieutenant Fidelio S. Carter, from the Miantonomoh March 16 and ordered to the Adams.

Ensign Wm. B. Shoemaker, from duty at Johns Hopkins University March 16 and ordered to the Adams.

P. A. Surgeon F. J. B. Cordiero, from marine rendezvous, Boston, March 1, and ordered to the Adams.

P. A. Surgeon E. H. Marstella, from Baltimore, Md., March 13 and placed on waiting orders.

Boatswain W. A. Cooper, from the Navy yard, Norfolk, Va., and placed on waiting orders.

Commander Henry Glass, from duty as member of Naval Examining and Retiring Boards March 16 and ordered as equipment officer at Mare Island, Cal.

##### Nominations.

FEB. 24.—Assistant Naval Constructor Samuel W. Armistead, of Va., to be a naval constructor.

FEB. 26.—F. F. Sherman, of Mass., and Wm. H. Ironsides Reamey, of Md., to be chaplains; Thomas S. Jewett and Frank L. Arms to be assistant paymasters.

##### Retired.

Paymaster John F. Tarbell, from Feb. 18.

Paymaster Charles P. Thompson, from Feb. 24.

#### MARINE CORPS.

FEB. 20.—1st Lieutenant L. C. Webster, detached from the Marine Barracks, League Island, Pa., on March 1 next, and ordered to duty at the Marine Barracks, Boston, Mass.

#### THE SOLAROMETER.

THE solarometer is the invention of Lieut. Wm. H. Beehler, U. S. N., who thus describes it: "The solarometer is an instrument to measure with the sun, and is constructed upon the scientific principles of celestial astronomy. It facilitates observations of celestial bodies, and obviates the use of logarithms and elaborate calculations to solve problems in navigation. It enables observations to be made at any time of day or night when any celestial bodies are visible. Its use is entirely independent of the visibility of the sea horizon. It indicates the local apparent time or observer's longitude, observer's latitude, and the compass error at the instant any celestial body is observed by its use. It can be used for rating chronometers, especially when the latitude and longitude are accurately known. The facility with which it can be used and the accuracy of its indications constitute a reliable indicator of a vessel's speed at sea for any interval of time between observations. The solarometer must be used with a nautical almanac, a chronometer, and a book of azimuth tables. The chronometer must be regulated for Greenwich mean time, which must be converted into Greenwich apparent time by applying the equation of time as given in the nautical almanac. The book of azimuth tables is a volume giving the true bearing of celestial bodies for every ten minutes of local apparent time, for every degree of latitude from the equator to 70 deg. of latitude north and south, and for every degree of declination from zero to 90 deg. north and south."

THE resignation of 1st Lieut. Edward S. Farrow, 21st Inf., promotes 2d Lieut. H. P. McCain, 3d Inf., to 1st lieutenant.

Mrs. HARRY PHELPS, wife of Ensign Harry Phelps, has entirely recovered from her severe illness of last winter and is now visiting her Southern home in North Carolina, where she will remain with her little daughter until June, when they will take a trip to London and after spending a few weeks there will join Mr. Phelps in Montevideo.

#### ASIATIC STATION.

Under date of February 2 Rear Admiral Belknap reports *Monocacy* at Chinkiang and *Alert* at Canton. Other vessels of station are at some ports previously reported.

The following changes in personnel are reported: Second Lieut. E. K. Cole, U. S. M. C., was detached from the *Lancaster* on the 18th and reported on board the *Alliance* on 28th ultimo. Pay Clerk O. G. Haskett was on 26th ultimo transferred from the Naval Hospital back to the *Marion*. The general health of the squadron remains good, although influenza is prevalent on board the *Lancaster*, and five mild cases of varioloid have occurred on board the *Marion* and *Alliance*.

#### THE SOLDIER AS HE IS.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

Yours of the issue of this date referring to a request for copies of your journal gratis for the use of the "poor soldiers," presents the character of the soldier as he is—should be—but not as some would have him. That any man in our military service should be, in tones of commiseration, regarded as a "poor soldier," or, as in some instances, "poor fellows," shows, merely, a maudlin, uncalled for sentiment—derogatory to his manly character.

There is no condition of the soldier's life in which he can of himself pose as an object of pity, and he is thankful for your defence of his character when others presume to have him do so. The soldier is bountifully supplied by the staff departments of the Army with all necessities for his comfort, and more, and in his regular pay he has the means for many luxuries—including good literature—not possible to the majority of men in the ordinary walks of life. Again, when the soldier is called upon to endure privations and hardships incident to the Service, as when beyond the frontiers of civilization, he does not wish to be clothed with sentiments of compassion. But, rather, turns his mind to objects of practicable value. He looks to his supply of bacon, examines his gun that it may be in the best order, is careful to have his full 40 rounds, and has more real solicitude for the welfare of his horse than of himself. And when emergencies arrive he meets them as becomes a man, a soldier. He that would have the soldier pose as a mendicant, or as under the most trying circumstances, an object of pity, misrepresents his character, and deserves for such willfulness or ignorance, the reproach you so properly give.

B. H. B.

COLONEL ALBERT BARNITZ, U. S. A., wife and two daughters are at the Grand Hotel, Cincinnati, for a few months.

THE report telegraphed East some days ago that Rear Admiral Belknap had arrived at San Francisco turns out to have been an error. It was only this week that he turned over the command of the Asiatic station to Rear Admiral Harmony, and at last accounts he was still at Yokohama.

THE following Naval officers registered at the Navy Department this week: Comdr. Yates Stirling, Lieuts. N. E. Mason, J. C. Wilson, Seaton Schroder, Henry Kimmell, P. A. Engr. Stacy Potts, Chief Engineer Charles E. Engard and Assist. Engr. G. R. Salisbury.

Secretary Elkins sent to the House, Feb. 23, the report of Major Reilly, the commanding officer of the Watertown Arsenal, on tests of iron, steel, and other materials for industrial and other purposes, made at the arsenal during the last year. Important results were shown by tests of steel rails which had been in service. Downward bends were characterized by toughness, while upward bends caused brittle fractures.

THE Japanese Government, a native paper states, has decided to order from Sir W. G. Armstrong, Mitchell and Co., of Elswick, a cruiser of 3,000 tons displacement, and of 15,000 indicated horse power. She is to be capable of an extreme speed of 24 knots, or 27.6 statute miles per hour, and she will be by far the fastest cruiser in the world. Japan already possesses two modern cruisers of 18 knots speed, one about 19 knots speed, and three of 16 knots speed, and a torpedo gun vessel of 22 knots.

CAPTAIN G. N. CHASE, 3d U. S. Cav., arrived in San Antonio on Wednesday for conference with Gen. Stanley in regard to the condition of affairs on the lower Rio Grande. Capt. Chase is reported as saying, he is confident that Garza is in hiding in the vicinity of Palito Blanco, and that he is only waiting for the grass to come and the U. S. troops to be withdrawn, when he will resume his work of organizing the revolutionary movement. The troops will be kept in the field indefinitely.

THE following army officers registered at the War Department this week: Capt. R. P. Strong, 4th Art.; 2d Lieut. James A. Ryan, 10th Cav.; Col. Henry L. Abbot, Eng.; Maj. John R. McGinness, Ord.; Lieut.-Col. J. B. Wright, Med. Dept.; Lieut.-Col. S. B. Hayman, retired; 2d Lieut. Floyd W. Harris, 4th Cav.; 1st Lieut. F. de L. Carrington, 1st Inf.; Maj. Clifton Comly, Ord.; Col. Henry W. Closson, 4th Art.; 2d Lieut. Geo. W. Kirkman, 1st Inf.; Capt. S. W. Groesbeck, 6th Inf.

THE wonderful importance of Chicago as a commercial centre is shown in a remarkable way by the article entitled "The Water-Route From Chicago to the Ocean," appearing in the March *Scribner*. The author, Lieut. Charles C. Rodgers, U. S. N., has for years made a special study of this matter, and the facts which he presents will astound even close students of commercial affairs. In view of the fact that many of the exhibits from abroad to the World's Fair will pass over this route, the article has a particular interest at this time. In addition to its economic value it is a popular and picturesque account of the journey through the lakes, the Welland Canal, and down the St. Lawrence, and is fully illustrated.

THE Austrian War Minister has issued a decree enjoining the officers of the army to take the men of their respective commands to church at least once a month. The Minister also expresses the hope that the younger officers will abandon the flippant behavior, of which they have often been guilty on such occasions. In conclusion the War Minister requests that no military dances be given either in Advent or Lent.

#### LATE ARMY ORDERS.

THE following orders for the payment of the troops in the Department of Dakota: Lieut.-Col. Thaddeus H. Stanton, at Fort Omaha, Neb.; Major John S. Witchoer, Forts Douglas and Du Chene, Utah, and Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; Major William H. Comegys, at Forts Niobrara and Robinson, Neb.; Fort Meade, South Dakota, and Fort McKinney, Wyo.; Major Daniel N. Bash, at Fort Logan, Col.; Fort Sidney, Neb., and Forts D. A. Russell and Washakie, Wyo.

In compliance with instructions from Headquarters of the Army, A. G. office, dated Feb. 17, Capt. Henry M. Kendall, 6th Cav., Fort Niobrara, Neb., will report at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., on Feb. 25, to conduct recruits for the 6th Cav. to the Dept. of the Platte.

1st Lieut. Francis R. Shunk, C. E., is relieved from duty at Willets Point, N. Y., and will report to Capt. Thos. W. Symons for duty under immediate orders, taking station at Portland, Ore.

Capt. B. Thomson, A. Q. M., is relieved from duty in the office of Q. Gen., and will proceed to Madison Barracks, N. Y., and relieve Capt. George E. Pond, A. Q. M., of his duties in connection with the charge of construction at that post.

H. S. Edward Meagher, now at Fort Bayard, N. Mex., will proceed to Fort Clark, Tex., to relieve H. S. Frank J. Wisell, who will proceed to Fort Bayard, New Mex., for duty.

Maj. Harry C. Eghert, 17th Inf., is detailed as a member of the board of officers appointed to meet at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming, March 1, 1892, for the physical and mental examination of appointees to the U. S. Military Academy, vice Lieut. Col. George K. Brady.

Major John M. Bacon, 7th Cav., Acting Inspector General, Dept. of the Platte, will proceed to and make an inspection of the money accounts of the disbursing officer at Sioux City, Iowa.

Capt. Chas. B. Hinton, 18th Inf., recruiting officer, Springfield, Mass., will proceed to Worcester, Mass., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous at that place.

1st Lieut. John H. Gardner, 9th Cav., is relieved from duty on recruiting service at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, to take effect March 4, and will proceed to join his regiment.

2d Lieut. George S. Cartwright, 24th Inf., is relieved from duty on recruiting service at Davids Island, N. H. Harbor, to take effect March 12, and will then proceed to join his regiment.

THE following named enlisted men are placed upon the retired list, and will repair to their homes: Ord. Sergt. John Broderick, Fort Mason, Cal.; Pvt. Max W. Kistner, Hosp. Corps, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.; Serat. Edward Kelly, Co. A, Bat. of Eng., Willets Point, N. Y.; Corp. Richard Lynch, Troop F, 3d Cav., Fort Hancock, Tex.; Serat. John S. Stewart, Coy. A, 2d Inf., Fort Omaha, Neb.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Granger Adams, 5th Art., R. Q. M., is extended one month.

The extension of leave granted Capt. Charles M. Rockefeller, 9th Inf., is still further extended one month on surgeon's certificate.

The resignation of 1st Lieut. Edward S. Farrow, 21st Inf., has been accepted by the President, to take effect Feb. 24, 1892.

Leave for three months is granted Maj. Wm. F. Tucker, paymaster, with permission to go abroad. Sick leave granted Capt. Francis E. Pierce, 1st Inf., for three months.

Leave for one month is granted 1st Lieut. Victor E. Stottler, 10th Inf.

2d Lieut. Samuel D. Rothenbach, 10th Cav., will proceed from Ft. Grant, A. T., to Ft. Bayard, N. M., for temporary duty with Troop C of that regiment.

Col. Edward M. Heyl, I. G., Dept. of Mo., will proceed on public business to the following named points, in the order named, and will then return to his station in this city, viz: Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Rock Island, Ill.; National Cemetery at Keokuk, Ia.; National Cemetery at Camp Butler, Ill.

The leave on account of sickness granted 1st Lieut. Farrand Sayre, 8th Cav., is extended one month on account of sickness.

#### GENERAL COURTS MARTIAL ORDERS.

At West Point, Feb. 29. Detail: Capt. Edward E. Wood, 8th Cav.; Capt. Lawrence L. Bruhl, Ord. Dept.; 1st Lieut. Daniel H. Boughton, 31 Cav.; 1st Lieut. Frank L. Dodds, 9th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Warren P. Newcomb, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. Edwin B. Babbitt, Ord. Dept.; 1st Lieut. John C. W. Brooks, 4th Art.; 1st Lieut. William W. Forsyth, 6th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Wilds P. Richardson, 8th Inf.; 1st Lieut. George H. Cameron, 4th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Austin H. Brown, 2d Inf.; 2d Lieut. William C. Rivers, 1st Cav.; 2d Lieut. Charles H. McKinstry, Corps of Engineers; 1st Lieut. Benjamin Alvord, 20th Inf., judge advocate.

A. G. C. M. will convene at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., Feb. 23. Detail: Capt. Lyster M. O'Brien, Chas. H. Greene, Wm. P. Rogers, James M. Burns; 1st Lieuts. Chas. St. J. Chubb, Edgar W. Howe, Edward I. Grumley; 2d Lieuts. James L. Druien, Lucius L. Darfee, Wm. R. Dashiell, Francis H. Schoeffel, Joseph L. Donovan, Benjamin F. Hardey, 17th Inf.; 1st Lieut. James L. Nickson, 17th Inf., Judge Advocate.

Ft. Sill, O. T., Feb. 15. Detail: Maj. Henry Wagner, 5th Cav.; Aaron S. Daggett, 18th Inf.; Capt. Wm. M. Waterbury, 13th Inf.; Chas. C. De Radin, 7th Cav.; Earl D. Thomas, 5th Cav.; 1st Lt. Wm. H. Baldwin, 7th Cav.; 2d Lt. Chas. J. Symmonds, 7th Cav.; Louis C. Scherer, 5th Cav.; Frederick W. Fager, 18th Inf., and 1st Lt. Albert B. Scott, 13th Inf., Judge Advocate.

A COURT OF INQUIRY has been ordered by the Secretary of the Navy to convene on board one of the monitors in the James River, near Richmond, on the 1st proximo, to investigate the marines of accountability for government stores on board the monitors and certain allegations in regard to the management of those vessels by Commander J. D. Graham. The court consists of Capt. A. P. Cooke, B. J. Cromwell, George W. Sumner and Lieut. C. H. Lochheimer, M. C., judge advocate.

THE Adams will be placed in commission on March 21. The detail of her officers is now being made up. Comdr. Thomas Nelson, now at Mare Island, will command her.



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## GOVERNMENT COMPETITION WITH TRADE.

A WRITER, "Parlementaire," in the London  
Times, is making a savage attack upon the govern-  
ment ordnance factories on the ground of their in-  
terference with private trade. "The relations,"  
he says, "between the trade and the Government  
manufacturers have been for the last few years  
growing more and more unsatisfactory, and are now  
highly strained. The great centres—or what used  
to be the great centres—of Government work, as  
Birmingham, Sheffield, Leeds, and New Castle, are  
strangely embittered against the Government, and  
are loud and open in their complaints, so that it is  
even said the votes in these districts may be seri-  
ously affected in the forthcoming elections. The  
complainants declare that the Government estab-  
lishments have become the fierce rivals of the pri-  
vate traders, and stop at scarcely any means which  
may tend to raise their own position and depress  
that of their competitors." Dr. Anderson, Direc-  
tor-General of Ordnance Factories, is asserted to be  
carrying out unwillingly a system that is distaste-  
ful to him. He believes that the government should  
provide means for the production of every kind of  
warlike stores, but should so limit its production  
as to offer due encouragement to private manufac-  
turers of raw material. "Engineering," in an  
article on this subject, asserts that private manu-  
facturers in England have been encouraged to ex-  
pend large sums on plants to meet government  
orders, and then forced to see their machinery  
rusting for want of use because the Government  
officials had taken unfair advantage of their skill  
and knowledge. "Parlementaire" declares that  
no respect is paid to the rights of patentees. "Gov-  
ernment manufacturers habitually—it has come to  
that—possess themselves of the ideas of private  
manufacturers in the matter of machines and in-  
ventions. They either adopt them in the Govern-  
ment factories without license, or make use of them  
to bring prices down, by embodying them in tenders  
issued to rival traders. The complaint is that this  
course is pursued so regularly that private manu-  
facturers must keep up a constant system of es-  
pionage in government work, lest even their pa-  
tented inventions should be so treated."

To this "Engineering" adds the following: "We  
are also told of whole groups of machines now at  
work in Woolwich Arsenal which have been obtain-  
ed in this surreptitious way. It is not only in Wool-  
wich Arsenal that such practices exist. Cases are  
not unknown—perhaps, if the whole truth were re-  
vealed, we might say are quite common—in which  
the drawings of one firm have been submitted to  
another competing house. We have in mind a case  
in which a most elaborate set of working drawings  
were sent off in this way en masse. It is needless  
to point out how this kind of sharp practice works  
for ill. It is a natural disgrace and a national  
misfortune. Already some of the best contracting  
firms are beginning to look with contempt on gov-  
ernment work. At one time there was no more  
prized distinction for contractors than to be able to  
put on their stationery 'contractors to the Admi-  
ralty,' or contractors to any of the government de-  
partments, but this is passing away."

The "Engineer," on the contrary, as the result of  
its investigation into the present condition of the  
government factories, specifically denies the state-  
ments of "Parlementaire." However this may be,  
there is force in the suggestion of Engineering  
"that nothing can prove more calamitous than a  
course of conduct which will destroy the confidence  
of the manufacturing firms of the country. It de-  
stroys the power of expansion in times of pressure  
due to our unrivalled manufacturing industries.  
Perhaps more serious ill will be the drying up of  
the inventive talent of private individuals which is  
the source of nearly all improvements in war ma-  
teriel."

WILLIAM B. CURTIS, Chief of the Bureau of  
American Republics, furnishes to the North Ameri-  
can Review for March an article on our Commercial  
Relations with Chili, which confirms what we re-  
cently said in the article on "Commercial England."  
Three-fourths of Chilean exports, it appears, go to  
England, while our commerce with Chili is very  
limited, the business being almost entirely confined  
to three houses—one in Boston and two in New



York. England's total trade, imports and exports, is \$76,000,000; ours \$6,000,000. A Chilean merchant seldom comes to the United States, and Chilean tourists pass us by, although the fine steamers that sail between Valparaiso and England are usually crowded with passengers. There are few American families in Chili and American influence in social and commercial circles is small as compared with that of England, which controls and almost monopolizes the foreign commerce of Chili. British subjects are numerous and prominent in the membership of her boards of trade, stock exchanges, and other commercial organizations. The cities along the coast, from Valparaiso northward, for more than a thousand miles, are largely populated by English subjects, and should they be attacked in case of war England would suffer more than Chili. Mr. Curtis sees no hope of greatly increasing our commerce with Chili, her productions being better adapted for the European market. Concerning the character of the population, he says: "The mercantile element of the country are generally foreigners. The professional men, the politicians, the officers of the army and navy, the directors of large institutions and establishments, the managers of estates, and the owners of mines are natives. The national pride and patriotism are intense, and are found to an even greater degree among the women than among the men. No one who has not studied the social and political conditions of the country upon the ground can appreciate the ardor with which a citizen of Chili will maintain what he conceives to be the honor and integrity of his nation; and in a contest with a foreign power the people would sacrifice everything rather than submit to interference or subjugation. The native race of Chili was never overcome, and it has been strengthened rather than diluted by mixing with the best stock of Spain."

#### REORGANIZATION OF THE ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY.

In reporting the consolidated bill to reorganize the artillery and infantry of the Army the Senate Military Committee refers to the propositions before the previous Congress to reorganize the artillery into seven regiments. It explains the reasons for providing the artillery with a war complement of lieutenants when one great war had just terminated and another was anticipated with a European coalition. They say they are not needed in time of peace, and in war they can be readily added; but the necessity of providing for meritorious officers who had served through the war was so great that the extra 1st lieutenants were provided in the artillery in order to give them places; and the organization, once established, had to be continued in spite of the evident disadvantages. The present bill restores equality of promotion without increased expense to the Government, and with greatly increased efficiency of service.

They quote from various authorities as to the need of increase in the artillery, and show that it is a matter of national necessity for defence, and that the efficiency of the arm itself demands a reorganization which will give a reasonable chance of promotion from lieutenant to captain. Concerning the skeletonizing of infantry companies the Committee say: "There has been in Army circles questions as to the advisability and even of the legality of this action. If defence or excuse is needed for it it can be found in the evident desire to accomplish by orders from the Executive Department the desirable result that for many years has sought to be accomplished by the legislature—the three battalion organization for infantry. This it has not done, although your committee has no question of the wisdom of the attempt." They say further: "And yet while the other arms of the service have been materially aided toward perfection of organization during the last twenty years, the infantry branch has been permitted to stand still, and to-day is as far behind in tactical organization as though it was armed with the flint-lock musket, carrying the buck-and-ball cartridge, instead of the Springfield breechloader with its deadly missile. It retains the ten-company single-battalion organization that seems to have been adopted in 1821, and which would bring death, defeat, and disaster to our Army in any field engagement upon

which we would enter, meeting, as we would, the changed conditions of tactics and armament of armies framed upon modern and improved methods. They show that the existing single-battalion double rank formation is suicidal, and has been abandoned by other civilized nations. The only nations retaining our formation are China and Persia, whose armies are laughed at by the civilized world. The ablest soldiers of the republic have recommended a change in the strongest language, amounting at times to a supplication. General Grant desired it. Generals Sherman, Sheridan, and Schofield, have earnestly urged it. The remainder of the report is principally occupied with quotations from various authorities in support of these opinions.

THE United States Senate has by a unanimous vote adopted a resolution requesting the President to return to the Mexican Government twenty-one battle flags captured by our troops in the war of 1846 and 1847, and now preserved at West Point. The act of 1814 provides that "the Secretary of War shall from time to time cause to be collected and transmitted to him, at the seat of government, all such flags, standards and colors as are taken by the Army from enemies of the United States." But the subsequent disposition of these trophies is in the hands of Congress. We presume it will be in order now to return to Mexico the territory we took from her by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, and send to England a deputation of humble minded congressmen to arrange for the restoration to that country of the provinces we wrested from her. We cannot understand how any soldier can wish to have restored to him flags taken from him on the battlefield. They are of no value unless they are recovered in the way they were lost. Military men do not care to see again the trophies taken from them in battle. What do our congressmen expect Mexico to do with the restored flags? Put them on exhibition with an inscription giving their history? Is this the way to promote good feeling in Mexico toward the United States? The popular belief in that country now is that they were successful in the war of 1846-8. Our wise congressmen propose to give them offensive proof that they are not altogether correct in this. The flags do no harm where they are and will not be seen by one Mexican in ten thousand. Why then call the attention of Mexico to its hours of humiliation?

FAVORABLE reports have been made by both the Naval Committees on the bill to terminate the reduction in the numbers of the Engineer Corps of the Navy on June 30 of the present year. If the necessity for the services of additional engineers can be made as plain to the two Houses as it was to the Committees, the passage of the measure will be assured.

THE "Official Army Register for January, 1892," was distributed from the A. G. O. this week, much to the satisfaction of the Army in general, and of those in particular who have occasion to refer almost daily to the Register in matters connected with the transaction of official business. The make-up is almost identical with that of last year, about the only change being that in the present Register the data concerning the Infantry and Cavalry School and the Artillery School follows immediately after the data concerning the Military Academy and not towards the end of the volume, as last year.

WHILE the outlook for legislation relieving the present stagnation in promotion in the line of the Navy is anything but favorable there are a number of officers who believe that nothing will be lost by agitating the subject at the present time for the good that it may do another session if nothing more. A bill has accordingly been drawn and will shortly be submitted to the two Naval committees for their consideration. The measure was framed by officers on duty in the Navy Department, and is intended to embody the views of Secretary Tracy as expressed in his last annual report. He has read it, and seems to favor its provisions, but will not give a formal opinion upon it until asked to do so by the Naval committees. The general features of the bill are as follows:

1st. Reorganization on the plan proposed by the report of the Phyllian Board.  
2d. Promotion by selection to flag rank as in the Army.

3d. Promotions by limited selection to command rank.

4th. All other promotions by seniority as at present.

5th. The constitution of a reserved list for short duty only.

6th. No immediate appointments to fill vacancies left at the foot of the active list which will be filled gradually from the Naval Academy.

REPORTS are coming into the A. G. O. concerning the new form of duty roster which it is proposed to issue. A roster alike in system for all posts will be of much benefit, as heretofore, we believe, the form of roster has been left largely to individual opinion at each post.

THE New York Times, in an article on post schools, expresses the opinion that "it is worth while for the Government both to raise the standard of education among those who remain in its service and to equip better those who do not re-enlist for their careers in civil life."

THE N. Y. Sun, whose editor was Assistant Secretary of War under Mr. Stanton, says: "When the war was over Mr. Stanton remarked one day that after the civil wars of old times successful generals often became dangerous to the commonwealth. He was determined, he added, that there should now be such an abundance of them in the United States that there should be no public peril connected with their existence." We think the country might have been reasonably safe with a few brevets less.

THE 150th anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, Feb. 22, happened on Monday of this week and was recognized after the usual American fashion of dining and speech-making. In Washington there was a large parade of volunteer firemen reviewed by the President, and meetings of the Sons and Daughters of the Revolution were held there and in New York City. There was also a notable gathering at the Michigan Club, Detroit. Other organizations also celebrated the day. The next birthday anniversary which the country should not fail to remember is that of Gen. Philip H. Sheridan, March 6.

CIVILIANS are very disadvantageously situated in Germany according to the *Daily Telegraph*. The uniform there is the thing. "Strange as it seems to English and even to French apprehensions," says our contemporary. "In German and Austrian society a 2d lieutenant of regulars occupies a higher standing than the most learned professor, eloquent advocate, or skilful physician, unless, haply, those gentlemen should hold military rank outside their respective professions, as many of them do. In Prussia the army or navy officer must not sit in the opera stalls. He is too sublime a personage for that. The stalls are for such inferior beings as civilians, whose social superior he is in virtue of his silver sword knot, no matter to what subordinate station of life his family may belong."

THE military career of Lieut. Edward S. Farrow 21st Inf., has finally come to an end. His resignation has been accepted, and the War Department officials breathe easier in consequence. Their efforts to get him to join his regiment have not been successful, but they have the extreme satisfaction of knowing that further efforts will not be necessary and that the trouble with this young officer is at an end, so far as the Army is concerned. The resignation of Lieut. Farrow is the result of the Department's recent determination to definitely settle the question of his physical condition. After his recent trial and acquittal by Court-martial, it will be remembered, he was ordered to join his regiment. He immediately brought in the plea of illness. He was next ordered to Davids Island for medical treatment. In response to this order he stated that he was too ill to make the journey. Thereupon a medical officer with several members of the Hospital Corps were sent to his home at Barnegat Park with proper medical appliances for his removal to the Davids Island Hospital. Upon their arrival at Barnegat, some days ago, they found that Lieut. Farrow had left his home and was in New York transacting private business. These facts being reported to the War Department Lieut. Farrow was called upon for an explanation, which appeared finally in the form of a resignation which the President lost no time in accepting.

The Appletons have added to their Town and Country Library "*It Happened Yesterday*," a novel by Frederick Marshall. It is an intense story of psychological or hypnotic influence. The principal characters are a German fraulein, and a Frenchman and a Russian who are brought into sympathy by their common detestation of Germany and the Germans. It is perhaps significant that the German haters finally quarrel over the German fraulein and end by flying at each other's throats. The description of the French duel is lacking in verisimilitude, for it ends in the death of one of the combatants.



THE Ordnance and Fortification Board at its regular meeting, held this week, recommended a number of minor allotments for continuing experimental work. The purchase of powder and shells for continuing experiments with high explosives, of powder for conducting experiments with the Ericsson aerial, sub-aquatic torpedoes, and a small allotment for improving the Fiske range finder were the principal items. The trial of the Ericsson torpedo will take place at Fort Wadsworth the latter part of next month.

A REPORT comes from the White House that the President has decided to postpone the appointment of a Brigadier General until the retirement of Gen. Stanley, in June next. The reason assigned for the delay is that the President is unable to decide between the candidates of Secretary Elkins and Senator Proctor without offending one or the other, and therefore prefers to make both appointments at the same time. As previously stated, Secretary Elkins has recommended the appointment of Col. Carr, and Senator Proctor, Col. Otis.

THE appointment of a captain and quartermaster in the Marine Corps, which has been hanging fire for several months past, was made Feb. 26. The prize has fallen to an able and popular young officer—Lieut. Frank L. Denny—who it may be depended upon will fill the new office with credit to himself and of the Marine Corps. Lt. Denny was commissioned 2d Lieutenant June 18, 1880. He commanded the Marines of the *Quinnebaug*, ordered ashore at the time of the bombardment of Alexandria, Egypt, in 1882, and his services then received official approval and recognition in commendatory letters from the Government of Norway-Sweden, and Lord Beresford, commander of the British forces on shore. He also received special mention in the report of the commander of the naval expedition to Panama in 1885 for zeal, etc. In 1888 he commanded the Marine Guard on the U. S. S. *Boston*, when that vessel was sent to Hayti to secure the release of an American merchant ship which had been forcibly seized by Haytian officials.

#### RECENT DEATHS.

LIEUTENANT W. E. B. DELAHAY, U. S. N., retired, who died Feb. 20 at Leavenworth, Kas., was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1864 and in 1877 attained the grade of lieutenant. He was a member of the Jeannette Relief Expedition and was retired from active service in 1886. This funeral took place Feb. 21, under the directions of the G. A. R.

THE service over the remains of Mrs. Stottler, wife of Lieut. V. E. Stottler, 10th U. S. Inf., who died at Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 13, took place from the Universalist Church, Stamford, Conn., on Thursday. There was a large attendance of mourning relatives and friends.

CAPTAIN W. C. HEMPHILL, who died Feb. 11 in Los Angeles Co., Cal., served for many years in the Army, attained the rank of captain of the 4th Cavalry in 1876, and left the Service in 1881. He was a son-in-law of Capt. Henry Sweeney, U. S. Army retired, who also belonged to the 4th Cavalry.

MRS. ANN FLETCHER McKEAGE, the last of a historic family and the oldest resident of Hollidaysburg, Pa., died there Jan. 19 at the age of 95 years. She was the daughter of John Fletcher, a captain in the Revolutionary War, and her brother, Philip Fletcher, was a lieutenant under Commo. Decatur in the War of 1812.

LAST week we briefly referred to the death of Admiral Sir Provo W. P. Wallis, British Navy, at the age of over 100. A London correspondent writes: "In later years he never smoked, but drank generously. He lived to the end with the simplicity of an old sea dog, sleeping in a narrow iron bed with linen sheets. A month or two ago, when the doctors came, they found the admiral weak from a cold and thinness of the blood, but they had the greatest difficulty to induce him to sleep in blankets and have a fire in his bedroom."

GENERAL MERBITT, U. S. A., in a General Order of Feb. 15 announces the death of Col. Herbert Pelham Curtis, U. S. A., recounts his military services, and says: "Allied by ties of kinship with some of the best New England stock, Col. Curtis was of cultivated tastes and inclined to literary pursuits. As an officer he was zealous in the discharge of the duties of his office. Benevolent and leaning to the side of mercy as a judge, generous and upright as a man, loyal to religion and devoted to his family, he illustrated in his life many of the best qualities of elevated manhood. To his bereaved family and sorrowing relatives and friends is extended the heartfelt sympathy of all on duty at these headquarters."

THE Minnesota Commandery of the Loyal Legion in an obituary notice of Col. Josiah Walcott Bissell, Engineer Regiment, West Missouri Volunteers, says: "He early secured for his command a very independent position in the Army, and it was commonly remarked among general officers of brigades and divisions that Col. Bissell seemed to have a mighty independent way with his regiment, reporting direct to Army Headquarters. He solved the 'contraband question' for Gen. Logan, who had misgiving about using slaves for performing manual labor in place of unreliable laborers from the North. The general finally adopted the plan and sent the inefficient northern laborers home. Hundreds of colored laborers were thenceforth pressed into duty whenever an emergency arose."

#### THREE BATTALIONS FOR INFANTRY.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

I HAVE been greatly gratified by numerous expressions of approval given to the proposition advanced in my letter, over the signature "Twenty-four," published in the JOURNAL of Jan. 9, for the disbandment of one regiment of infantry in order to secure the three battalion organization for the others. While the trend of the proposition was in the proper direction, it has been found after careful computation that it was scarcely comprehensive enough. The disbanding of a single regiment would hardly afford a sufficient gain to enable the desired organization for the others within the limit of the money thus saved.

It has been found futile in the past to ask for reorganization of the infantry on the basis of the formation given the other arms of the Service, because of the increased expense involved. This reason is more prominent to-day than ever before. Neither is there the least apparent probability that the Congress would be willing at any time in the future, while peace prevails, to increase the expenses of the Government in order to give the infantry a new organization. The present time, therefore, affords as favorable conditions for success as may be expected at any time in the future. We are assured that a reorganization of the infantry will meet with but little opposition in the present Congress if it is attempted within present appropriation limits.

The disbanding of two regiments will do it. I have no doubt there will be much raising of hands in holy horror, and many fervent ejaculations in condemnation from the few infantry officers who oppose reorganization, over the bare mention of such a proposition. "Somebody is after promotion again," will be the refrain of many a wearysome, doleful, anti-reorganization song. We will be entertained, doubtless, with the old story, that the unexpected may happen, and that if two regiments go, ten may go, or some other dire event overtake us. But most tantalizing of all, possibly, will be the probable revamping of the ancient, threadbare snarl, that there is "promotion behind the scheme." For once, bless you, we can answer the snarl in the affirmative. We can say with great complacency that there is promotion behind the scheme, and, we hope, plenty of it, and that too without hurting anybody or inflicting any injury on the Government. Like the Texas member of the Republican National Convention at Chicago nearly eight years ago, "our greatest ambition in life is to prosper, and that is what we are here for." Is there anything wrong, let me ask, in laboring to benefit ourselves, so long as our efforts lie within the same lines with those that would help the Army and benefit the country? This anticipated cry against our efforts will come now as it has in the past, with ill grace from those who have prospered. It will scarcely come from those whom the fates have dealt harshly with.

The reduction of two regiments will certainly accomplish the purpose in view. The saving of the salaries of the field officers, the band, the difference between the pay and the clothing allowance of the privates and the sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, and the company sergeants and corporals, the forage for mounted officers' horses, etc., for two regiments aggregates about \$260,000 annually. This saving enables the addition of two companies to each of the remaining 23 regiments, thus increasing the number of infantry companies to 276, a gain of 26 companies, secures the promotion of a number of officers, accomplishes the same organization for all arms of the Service, and leaves a money balance of about \$17,000 annually in favor of the Government.

This reduction in the number of regiments would hurt nobody, except possibly the two lieutenant-colonels and the two majors of the disbanded regiments, whose promotion might be delayed a few months until the surplus colonels could be provided for. By this plan the Government gains in money and in number of companies, and secures the organization for its infantry suitable for war as well for peace, now commonly employed throughout the civilized world.

TWENTY THREE.

#### FORT ROBINSON, NEB.

ALL the cavalry officers at Robinson are deeply interested in "Bits and Bittings," and are measuring horses' mouths with a view to getting up a bit to fit a horse's mouth and doing away with the Shoemaker bit, which fits a very few horses, probably ten in 100. The veterinary surgeon of the Ninth is working on a pattern bit which he thinks will meet all the requirements.

It begins to look as though Fort Robinson would be destitute of ice next summer. Everything has been quiet here since Chili cooled off, but the report about the Navajos breaking out started a ripple of excitement at the possibility of the Ninth getting back to their old "stamping grounds" in New Mexico.

Lieut. E. F. Ladd, 9th Cav., quartermaster, left last evening for Deadwood, S. D., and expects to return Monday.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### WASHINGTON BARRACKS, D. C.

ONE of the prettiest entertainments of the season was the reception given at Washington Bks. by Col. and Mrs. La Rhett Livingston to Gen. and Mrs. Schofield on Feb. 11. The handsome old house of the commanding officer was beautifully decorated with palms and potted plants. The mantels were banked with ferns and cut flowers. The regimental colors were artistically arranged at the entrance of the room, where the receiving party stood. The main stairway was draped with the large garrison flag, at the foot of which stood some magnificent palms and behind these the musicians were stationed.

The conservatory, opening from the drawing room, was lighted by soft red lights, and the moon shining in, made a bewitching picture, as one caught a glimpse of a bright uniform and a pretty ball dress.

Supper was served at 11, and the table decorations being in red, in accordance with the occasion, added brilliancy to the scene.

Mrs. Livingston was assisted in receiving by the Misses Livingston, her sister—Miss Eaton, Miss Foster and Miss Kuch. Among the many guests were: Gen. and Mrs. Breckinridge, Gen. and Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Kilbourne, Gen. and Mrs. Flagler, Commo. and Mrs. Skerrett, Col. and Mrs. Haywood, Mr. and Mrs. Woolworth, Miss Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Morse, Lieut. Chamberlain, Major and Mrs. Ramsey, Lieut. and Mrs. Williams, Lieut. and Mrs. Birkhimer, Capt. and Mrs. Hobbs, Capt. and Mrs. Lancaster, Major Turnbull, Mr. Califf, Dr. Banister, Lieut. Maquidin, McNair, and Hamilton, Dr. White, Lieut. Landis, Lieut. Traub, Lieut. and Mrs. Rumbough, Miss Wright, Mr. Molinar, Dr. Vincent, Col. and Mrs. Eaton.

#### PROMOTION ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL ENTRY.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

THAT is a very pretty bill (House bill No. 328) which certain gentlemen have succeeded in rushing through the House. Examining boards have failed to make vacancies as fast as was expected, and since certain people can't be got rid of they are to be got over, and so it is proposed to have promotion hereafter "according to original entry into the Regular Service." Some officers now on the rolls—and apparently in the way—are dull enough to imagine that they received their commissions in the Regular Army under the act of July 28, 1866, for services in the volunteers during the War of the Rebellion. Among them are men who held the commissions and commands of colonels and brigadiers, and who when mustered out received original commissions of lieutenants and captains in the Regular Service. Now see how this small, innocent and just bill will work as regards this class of officers. Take the cases of officers who received original commissions, say of captains, in the Regular Service, under, and dating from, the act of July 28, 1866 (there are some to be found in the Register still). These captains are to be passed over by captains who may be 15 or 20 years junior to them by date of commission. And why? for special services in the war? Oh! bless you, no; but because they were cadets at the Military Academy throughout the war, and, graduating in 1865 and 1866, they were commissioned as 2d lieutenants June 28, 1866, and June 14, 1866, thus antedating their volunteer brothers and present seniors in "original entry into the Regular Service." But war services and present seniority are to count for nothing. These men—

That never set a squadron in the field,  
Nor the division of a battle knew—

must go up and over the veterans of the war. It is an audacious and shameless proposal. Regimental promotion to captain has been the rule accepted by everybody since the foundation of the Army. It is admitted that great inequalities have resulted in individual cases. The Congress has been made to see this and existing laws (act Oct. 1, 1890,) corrects this for the future. I don't think Congress can, ought, or will go beyond this. Certainly we are justified in asking it to pause before passing this bill, which makes it possible to promote to a major the 2d lieutenants of June, '65 and '66, over the heads of captains of July, '66, or their present seniors.

VOLUNTEER.

#### MILEAGE FOR SEA TRAVEL.

THE U. S. Court of Claims has rendered a favorable decision in the case of Lieut.-Comdr. Charles T. Hutchins, who claimed mileage for travel by water from New York to San Francisco instead of transportation and expenses. The following are conclusions of the court:

Travel abroad, in the ordinary acceptance of that very common term means travel in foreign parts. Travel at home means travel where the point of departure and the point of destination are both in one's own country. An officer ordered from Norfolk to New York would not be travelling abroad because the steamer went upon the high seas. An officer ordered from Nicaragua Falls to Detroit would not be travelling abroad because he took the shortest railroad route and his journey lay wholly through Canada. An officer ordered from Charleston to Savannah would not be travelling abroad because he took the steamer instead of the train. But the travel in the present case was complex in character. It was travel at home in its design, i. e., in its object being to pass from one point to another point in one's own country; it was travel abroad in its nature, i. e., in its being by a vastly circuitous route on the high seas and through a foreign country. If the officer had selected this route voluntarily he certainly would not be permitted to reap any advantage from so doing. But here all discretion had been taken from him by his superior officer and duty was assigned to him which left no alternative. It therefore seems clear, on the one hand, that the officer should not be deprived of his statutory right to mileage for traveling from one point in his own country to another, and on the other hand that his mileage should not extend to a kind of travel which in its nature was travel abroad. If the actual expenses had been greater than mileage by the ordinary railroad route, the officer would have had a right to present his account for actual expenses, and the order to proceed by sea and the isthmus would have been sufficient authority for his reimbursement. Conversely, when the mileage by the ordinarily travelled route was greater than the actual expenses of the other, the officer had the right to present his account for mileage, and the order to proceed from San Francisco to New York was sufficient authority for its payment. It is the opinion of the court that the claimant is entitled to recover mileage for 3,236 miles, at 8 cents per mile, amounting to \$261.28, less \$97, which has been paid to him; and it is the judgment of the court that he recovers \$164.28.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### FORT MONROE, VA.

MRS. ALEXANDER, the wife of Capt. W. L. Alexander, U. S. A., gave a brilliant reception Feb. 18 to meet Mrs. McKinley. She was assisted by Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Miller and Miss Frank. The rooms were handsomely decorated with flowers. A bountiful punch bowl and refreshments were enjoyed. Among the guests were many distinguished people. The gathering was particularly enjoyable, as so many were well acquainted. Mrs. McKinley wore a becoming toilet of heavy white silk court train, diamond ornaments. The hostess wore an elegant costume of fawn color brocade and diamonds. Mrs. Potts, white satin draped with white lace. Mrs. Allen, a handsome white bedford cord. Mrs. Miller, black lace. Miss Frank, white bengaline. All agreed that it was the most successful affair of the season.

A DESPATCH of Feb. 23 from Valparaiso states that Lieut. Harlow, U. S. Navy, is expected to leave Chili in a few days for the United States.

A FAREWELL ball was given at the Hotel Coronado, San Diego, on Feb. 13, in honor of Rear Admiral Brown and the officers of the *San Francisco*. It was a most brilliant affair. The Navy was represented by Admiral and Mrs. Brown, Lieut. Blow, Dyer, Babcock and Potts, Fleet Engineer Inch, Fleet Paymaster Goldsborough, Lieut. Commander Tilley, Ensigns Hayward, Benham and Treadwell, and Assistant Engineers McElroy and Bush. The Army was represented by Gen. A. McD. McCook, Lieut. Baker and McMahon, Lieut. and Mrs. Col. Hines, Capt. and Mrs. Douglas, Capt. and Mrs. L. E. True, L. W. Spaulding, Major and Mrs. Davis, Maj. and Mrs. Whittemore, Surgeon and Mrs. Horton and Miss Horton, Lieut. Peterson, Major Canby and Gen. Ducat and wife.



## THE FIGHTING FOURTEENTH.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

SINCE our present colonel took command of the 14th Infantry, we have had 16 promotions among the officers. This has brought joy to the subalterns, but not to the men. Many were sorry to see the old war veterans go out. So too, the crotchets that every soldier should be able to run a mile and work a problem in algebra has worked a mighty change in the 14th. There is a suspicion that the colonel begins to see that education and athletics can be carried too far. But we have three bachelor staff officers—Haebrouck, adjutant; Cabell, quartermaster, and Martin, commissary. Not a gray hair among them. The last lot were gray as badgers. P. P.

## ORDNANCE NOTES.

The telegraph reports the arrival at Benicia of three distinguished emigrants from the East, namely, three 14-ton monitors destined for the fortifications of San Francisco.

A Herald despatch reports that Inventor Sims, of the Sims-Edison torpedo, was to sail from England for New York on Wednesday last, on account of illness in his family. The trial of the torpedo at Portsmouth this week was very satisfactory to the foreign attaches, and a probable sale will be effected to Russia and Germany.

A party of fifteen senators and representatives left Washington last Friday afternoon for Bethlehem, Pa. They are invited by the Bethlehem Steel Company to witness the process of making forgings for armor and great guns.

Considering the subject of the liability of a balloon to destruction by artillery fire, Lieut. H. R. Jones, R. N., in a lecture before the United Service Institution Feb. 5, said that at Lydd a balloon was fired at by a 13 pounder gun, at 4,000 yards range. The balloon was raised and lowered by paying out or hauling in line. It was struck the 17th shot, and as it slowly descended struck again by a shrapnel. Nevertheless, it reached the ground so gently that no appreciable shock would have been felt. The damage consisted of two holes torn by shell fragments, and some bullet holes, two of which were through the car. The balloon could have been made fit for use again in about two hours.

Describing the trial of the Sims-Edison electrical torpedo at Spithead Feb. 3, in presence of H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught and a number of distinguished military officers, the Engineer says: "The weather, which had been threatening during the forenoon, improved very much towards evening, which materially assisted the picking up work. The sea was, however, very rough, owing to there being a fresh breeze blowing, and to the heavy gales of the preceding three days, notwithstanding which there was no difficulty experienced in launching and controlling the torpedo, which cut its way right through the opposing waves with a force which at times almost completely buried the float, eliciting from the officers a favorable opinion of its power and strength of construction, which should enable it to stand severe weather without injury."

A WASHINGTON despatch of Feb. 14, says: "Major Barber, of the English Royal Engineers, has been in Washington for the past week, and has called on the heads of the War and Navy Department, and the principal officers on duty here. He is making a tour of inspection of the United States for the purpose of learning as much as possible about the military and naval resources of the country, and what is being done in the direction of preparing war material. Much information has been given him of the kind usually published in the Department annual reports, but not much in addition. Some of the things that he would probably prefer to have, such as plans of the coast fortifications and of the submarine mines in the principal harbors, have been withheld from him. Major Barber is the third English officer who has been in the United States in search of such information recently."

## FORT D. A. RUSSELL.

The band, under direction of Prof. Otto Neske, plays in one of the company quarters every evening, each company having its turn in regular order.

The many friends of Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Bennett, 17th Inf., will regret to learn that their daughter, Daisy, is lying dangerously ill at the home of her parents.

Lieut.-Col. Brady is still sick, but improving. Captains Howe and Green are able for duty again.

(Correspondence to the Army and Navy Journal.)

## FORT BARRANCO, FLA.

FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

THE social event of the season at Ft. Barranco, was a "leap year dance" given by the ladies of Ft. Barranco and the navy-yard on the evening of Feb. 12, in honor of Lieut. Harry L. Hawthorne, 4th Artillery, one of the heroes of Wounded Knee. The hall was very tastefully decorated with flags and evergreens. The ladies wore evening dresses and looked more charming than ever. Dancing began at 8.30 and continued until 11 o'clock, when the guests adjourned to Battery M's mess hall, where supper was served, after which dancing was continued until about 1 o'clock. Among those dancing were Mrs. Tuttle and Dr. Gorras, Mrs. Gorras, Mrs. Kerr and Capt. Fuger, Mrs. Fuger, Miss Alice Fuger and Lieut. Phillips, Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Carey (of Pensacola), Miss Blanche Fuger and Lieut. Hawthorne, Mrs. Lamoreux and Lieut. Lamoreux, Miss Marguerite Fuger and Lieut. Alexander. From the yard were Mrs. Reed and Capt. Reed, Miss Reed and Miss Grace Reed, Mrs. Coston and Mr. Coston, Miss Lillian Reed and Mr. Tate (of Pensacola) and many others.

Lieut. Hawthorne, who has been stationed at Barranco for the last three months, leaves for Boston the early part of this week. During his stay at Barranco he has made many friends, and all regret very much to see him go.

## RECRUIT.

It is essential \* \* that the formation and discipline of the militia of the continent should be absolutely uniform, and that the same species of arms, accoutrements and military apparatus should be introduced in every part of the United States.—Washington to the Governor of States.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## WEST POINT, N. Y.

FEBRUARY 23, 1892.

AN able and interesting paper was read by Lieut. Edwin B. Babbitt, Ordnance, on Thursday evening, Feb. 18, on the subject—"Smokeless Powder."

Major Baxter, Deputy Adjutant-General of the British Army, visited the post last week. Lieuts. Morrow, Winslow, Seward, Echols, and McIndoe, Engrs., and O. J. Brown, 1st Cav., were among visiting officers.

The Hundredth Night German was not as large as usual this year, the number of couples dancing being under 30. The favors were in the form of guitars, banjos, mandolins, canteens, daggers, gun carriages and fancy candy boxes. Souvenirs were distributed, consisting of ribbon badges stamped in gilt letters "100 nights to June," and fastened with cadet cap buttons. The leaders were Cadets Cole, Chamberlaine and Cavanaugh. The German was led from the north end of the hall. The following is a list of the dancers:

Miss Russell, Mr. Weeks.	Miss Dousman, Mr. Barker.
Miss Lockwood, Mr. Anderson.	Miss Patten, Mr. Davis, A.
Miss Wilson, Mr. Morton.	Miss Bradley, Mr. Summerall.
Miss Wright, Mr. Jameson.	Miss Boynton, Mr. Schindler.
Miss Bright, Mr. Sweeney.	Miss Hawkins, N., Mr. Smedberg.
Miss Armstrong, Mr. Wise.	Miss Adams, Mr. Hart.
Miss Lamb, Mr. Walker, K.	Miss Bartholow, Mr. Rutherford.
Miss Chamberlaine, Mr. Coe.	Miss Arden, Mr. Leary.
Miss Wood, Mr. Kutz.	Miss Van Boskerck, Mr. Newman.
Miss Honey, Mr. McKenna.	Miss Bonles, Mr. Heiner.
Miss Strong, Mr. Hickok.	Miss Bonles, N., Mr. Sawtelle.
Miss Churchill, Mr. Wilcox.	Miss Dousman, V., Mr. Ely.
Miss Wise, Mr. Stanley.	Miss Fanning, Mr. Ames, R.
Miss Pratt, Mr. Barden.	Miss Crane, Mr. Lindsey.
Miss Riser, Mr. Prince.	Miss Hegeman, Mr. Adams.
Miss Murphy, Mr. Chase.	Miss Comstock, Mr. Burgess.
Miss Lieber, Mr. Gilmore.	Miss Rogers, Mr. Honey.
Miss Ward, Mr. Walker, M. L.	Miss Sord, Mr. Hazard.
Miss Brooks, Mr. Reeves, J. H.	Miss Byrne, Mr. Conrad, J. T.
Miss Winchester, Mr. Arnold.	Miss Mercer, Mr. Moore.
Miss Benson, Mr. Sompayrac.	Miss Davis, Mr. Shipton.
Miss Cassatt, Mr. Moore.	Miss Judson, Mr. Mearns.
Miss Noble, Mr. Timberlake.	Miss Demarest, Mr. Stokes.
Miss Willson, Mr. Barnhardt.	Miss Duvall, Mr. Michie.
Miss Michie, Mr. Chamberlaine.	Miss Mitchell, Mr. Ladue.
Miss Bass, Mr. Dickson.	Miss Carson, Mr. Rice.
Mr. Robinson, Mr. Williams, C. C.	

Washington's birthday was observed as usual. The band marched about the post at reveille and the national salute was fired at noon.

The closing hop of the series of officers' hops will be held in Grant Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 23.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week to the following-named persons:

M. J. Rough, Jr., Lancaster, 5th Dist., S. C.
J. B. Allison (alt.), Yorkville, 5th Dist., S. C.
Harry O. Willard, Lewiston, 1st Dist., Mon.
Carroll J. Dolan (alt.), Butte City, 1st Dist., Mon.
William P. Hall, Dayton, 3d Dist., O.
Perley B. Lukens (alt.), Lebanon, 3d Dist., O.
John C. Work, Rushville, 11th Dist., Ill.
Samuel R. Kenworthy (alt.), Rock Island, 11th Dist., Ill.
John F. Ziegler (alt.), Spring Mills, 28th Dist., Pa.
Gilbert Chase, Chase's Wharf, 1st Dist., Va.
D. B. Powers, Jr. (alt.), Port Royal, 1st Dist., Va.
St. George T. Schley, Waverly, 2d Dist., Md.
Edward C. J. Miller, Jr. (alt.), Hampstead, 2d Dist., Md.

## FORT ASSINNIBOINE.

High Private publishes a poem, "The Lost Cabin," by Mrs. C. A. Bateman, and has these items:

Sergt. Bennett died last Tuesday, and was laid to rest with military honors Feb. 10.

Rev. Father Monroe, S. J., conducted Catholic services in the post chapel last Sunday morning.

The Sons of Veterans' banquet last Monday was largely attended by officers and men, and was a complete success.

Miss Jessie Griswold, of Granite Falls, attended the masquerade ball given by the S. O. V's. last Monday, and is the guest of Miss May Wade.

Our visit to Helena and Great Falls was greatly enjoyed. We never had a more elegant time. Large audiences greeted us every time we spoke, and the newspapers of both places did us up brown.

## FORT DU CHESNE, UTAH.

ESSAYS to be ready before the post lyceum are as follows:

Capt. L. H. Rucker, 9th Cav., "Purchase and Care of Cavalry Horses."
Capt. Thomas H. Bradley, 21st Inf., "Practice Marches for Infantry."
Capt. E. D. Dimmick, 9th Cav., "Cavalry in the Field."
Lieut. L. J. Hearn, 21st Inf., "Transportation in the Field."
Lieut. E. W. McCaskey, 21st Inf., "Vicksburg."
Lieut. W. J. D. Horne, 9th Cav., "Lessons Taught by Late Wars in the Use by Cavalry of the Sabre and Revolver."
Lieut. Young, 9th Cav., "Company Messing and Recreations."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

## FORT SIDNEY, NEB.

Feb. 21, 1892.

A number of pleasant entertainments have been given lately. Lieut. and Mrs. Brooke gave a card party and hop in honor of Col. Jewett and family on Thursday, the 11th. The prizes were handsome and appropriate. They were won by Mrs. Jocelyn and Miss McClintock and Lieuts. Morrow and McAndrew. There being no booby prizes a certain person known to the writer did not receive any.

The ladies of the garrison gave a leap year german on Thursday, the 18th. About fifteen couples participated. The figures were very pretty and well led by Miss Jewett. The hat flure was particularly funny. The hats were very skillfully made of tissue paper, and when Capt. Jocelyn started out in a field officer's helmet he was congratulated on all sides on his majority. Capt. Ebstein made an imposing general officer in his chapeau. All the officers patiently bore the martyrdom of laces and sashes as they were prescribed by the ladies and had to be worn. The ladies looked neat, decorated with shoulder knots and dress belts.

The play "Our Regiment" will be presented in the post hall on Tuesday, March 1. The following is the cast: Mr. Dobbinson (a retired merchant).....Capt. Ebstein Mr. Eliaby (his friend).....Capt. Duncan Capt. Fetherston (8th Lancers).....Lieut. Morrow Guy Warrner (8th Lancers).....Lieut. Van Deman Rev. John Talbot (curate at Muddborough).....Lieut. Upton Batters (Dobbinson's servant).....Lieut. Palmer Mrs. Dobbinson.....Mrs. Stowitts Olive (her daughter).....Miss Jewett Enid (Olive's cousin).....Mrs. Jocelyn Maud Eliaby (Eliaby's niece).....Miss Blanchard

## MARCUS.

A Mexican manager has been arrested by the Customs sleuths for trying to smuggle a circus across the Rio Grande. He should know that Garza has a monopoly of the circus business on that route.—Philadelphia Record.

## THE STATE TROOPS.

## ANNUAL INSPECTIONS, NEW YORK.

THE dates for the annual inspections of organizations in the 1st and 2d Brigades are as follows:

Troop A, N. Y. City, Wednesday, April 27, 8 p. m.
1st Brig. Signal Corps, Wednesday, April 27, 9 p. m.
14th Regt., Brooklyn, Thursday, April 28, 8 p. m.
13th Regt., Brooklyn, Friday, April 28, 8 p. m.
23d Regt., Brooklyn, Saturday, April 30, 2 p. m.
47th Regt., Brooklyn, Monday, May 2, 2 p. m.
32d Regt., Brooklyn, Tuesday, May 3, 2 p. m.
9th Regt., N. Y. City, Wednesday, May 4, 8 p. m.
22d Regt., N. Y. City, Thursday, May 5, 2 p. m.
69th Regt., N. Y. City, Friday, May 6, 8 p. m.
7th Regt., N. Y. City, Saturday, May 7, 2 p. m.
71st Regt., N. Y. City, Monday, May 9, 2 p. m.
12th Regt., N. Y. City, Tuesday, May 10, 2 p. m.
8th Regt., N. Y. City, Wednesday, May 11, 2 p. m.

## Seventh New York.—Colonel D. Appleton.

THE parade of the regiment for review by Bvt. Brig.-Gen. Emmons Clark, its former colonel, which took place at the armory on Feb. 24, was a fine display for the 7th Regiment, and was a great treat to the many representatives of the Army, Navy and National Guard who were among the large audience present. Adjt.-Gen. Josiah Porter had been tendered the review, but official engagements preventing his attendance, Gen. Emmons Clark accepted the review in his stead.

The first ceremony of the evening was that of guard mount, which took place at 7 p. m., the detail for this being as follows: Officer of the day, Capt. Daniel A. Nesbitt; officer of the guard, Lieuts. Harry M. Nesbitt and C. F. Bement, five corporals and fifty privates. It was a handsome ceremony. For review the regiment was divided into three battalions in accordance with the new Drill Regulations, each battalion consisting of four companies of 24 files, the battalions being commanded respectively by Major Wm. H. Kipp, Capt. D. A. Pollard and Capt. J. C. Abrams. Col. Daniel Appleton commanded the regiment. The formation for review was prompt, and the entire ceremony a beautiful exhibition.

The passage of the regiment in review with "fixed bayonets" and the parade of the command throughout the evening, with bayonets fixed, is open to criticism, as this is distinctly contrary to the rule laid down in the new Drill Regulations. Dress parade followed, and this ceremony, like the previous one, was finely executed.

1047 members of the regiment received marksman's badges for qualification at the Creedmoor Range during the season of 1891, against 1014 the previous year. The regiment has a figure of merit of 72.90, which is the highest of any regiment in the State. Co. B, Capt. Nesbitt, won the brigade prize for having the highest figure of merit (79.51) in the brigade. The aptitude which officers and men have shown in learning the new drill in such a brief time is indeed praiseworthy. The sergeants in command of companies displayed an equal ability with the officers, and the entire occasion was up to the standard for which this famous regiment is always noted.

## Eighth New York.—Col. Geo. D. Scott.

THE commodious armory of this regiment presented an animated and brilliant scene on the evening of Feb. 23, on which occasion a review and reception was held. As early as 7 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and by 8 p. m. a vacant seat in the great hall could be found, and although many extra seats were provided several hundred people stood under the galleries and many more in the main hall, on the stairs, and at the windows in the Administration Building which look into the hall. The audience was very large, numbering at least 1,000 people, more than half being ladies. The drill for assembly was sounded at 8.30 and between that time and "adjutant's call" which sounded at 8.54, the long wait was tedious. The first formation was for review, the command being equalized in two battalions of four companies of 12 files each. The first battalion consisted of Cos. B, C, G and I, in command of Maj. Chauncey, Jr. Lieut. Cornell acted as adjutant, and Sergt.-Major R. B. Breen as sergeant-major. Cos. F, H, G and K constituted the 2d Battalion, in command of Capt. Knobel. Lieut. Slingerland acted as adjutant and Q. M. Sergt. G. D. Scott, Jr., as sergeant-major. Lieut.-Col. Schilling commanded the regiment. After battalion line was formed, each battalion executed close column on the first company, from which line of masses was formed.

It was a very pretty and prompt formation. Col. Scott reviewed the regiment, and while passing around the lines the reviewing officer, and those attending him, forgot to salute the colors. The passage was handsomely done, there being little or nothing to choose in any company. Battalion line was nicely reformed, after which 78 marksman's badges and a number of medals of honor were presented to different members of the regiment. Dress parade followed at 9.40, first formation being in line, and the second in line of masses, both well and promptly executed. Retreat was so well played by the Drum and Fife Corps in command of Drum-Major McKeever, that the audience vociferously applauded in the hopes of having it repeated, and it took it some time to understand that encore, no matter how well deserved, are not allowable in such ceremonies. Reviewing both ceremonies carefully, it can be said that both were remarkably good exhibitions, and although it was the first public exhibition of the regiment the new Drill Regulations, there was not a single hitch during the evening. Orders were promptly and intelligently executed, and the details of the new drill were well observed. The manual during the evening was good, as was the steadiness of the men, and the exhibition demonstrated a pronounced improvement in the regiment. The manner of forming the regiment in the 8th is quick and simple, and at the same time makes a pleasing display. Each battalion forms line, facing each other on either side of the drill hall; both battalions then execute close column on first company, the second battalion then moves by the flank to the left about 30 yards and then face to the front. Then the first battalion moves by fours to the left and the second battalion to the right. The first battalion then changes its direction to the right and the second to the left; both battalions then wheel by fours into close column.

An enjoyable reception concluded the entertainment. Not the least interesting is the display of several hundred pictures on the walls of the main hall of the building. Here can be found a variety of military pictures illustrating battles in British, French, German, American and other armies, caricatures from the French on the different armies of the world, etc. The collection, which numbers some 500 pictures, would be hard to equal, and affords an interesting study. The room of Co. B, Capt. Young, was handsomely decorated, and Co. D, Capt. Jarvis, provided a liberal collation for its guests.

## Twelfth New York.—Colonel H. Dowd.

THE 2d Battalion of this regiment, Cos. A, B, I and K, were equalized 12 files front, for battalion drill at the arm.



ory Thursday, Feb. 18, Capt. C. S. Burns, Co. B, being the instructor and Lieut. E. J. Weber, Co. G, the acting adjutant. The formation was prompt and rapid, distances between men and companies well preserved and steadiness in ranks excellent. It took but just 10 minutes to equalize and form this battalion, so that at 8.25 the command was in the hands of the instructor. It was a brand new business for the senior captain, but he took hold with a will, and for nearly two hours the battalion was kept on a steady jump, no halt or rest being called from the formation to the dismissal at 10 o'clock. After an advance in line, the battalion broke to the right in column of fours and reformed by on left into line. These movements steadied the command and companies right and a march in column were well done, as was companies on left into line. Right and left of companies rear into column were, as usual, faulty, but why it is difficult to understand, for the movements are extremely simple. Line of companies in column of fours extend and close intervals, and changes of direction to the right and left in line of companies in column of fours were neatly performed, the intervals being well preserved. On executing right front into line from column of fours, Co. A moved as from column of companies and so inverted the command, but on repeating the movement the captain purposely repeated the error and so brought his company into its proper shape. A number of changes of front were fairly rendered, as were the fronts into line of companies in column of fours. Street column was neatly formed, as was the square from this formation. The battalion was advanced in street column order, and the formation of column of companies at full distance was satisfactory. As a total the drill was a successful one, though the repeated failure of the instructor to order "guides post" at completion of the movements caused some slight confusion. One of the principal troubles noted was the failure of officers to halt in their proper places when executing the several movements. The commandant of Co. I made several slight errors, as did the lieutenant commanding Co. B.

The 3d Battalion, Cos. F, G and H, held the floor on Thursday, Feb. 25.

The fifth competition for the Riker trophy was shot at the armory range on Feb. 25. It was a very close contest, only one or two points separating the three leading teams. The match was won by the team from Co. B, Capt. C. S. Burns. The scores of the winning team and aggregates of the others were as follows: Co. B—Sergt. A. B. Van Heusen, 45; Pvt. F. Walkley, 43; Pvt. C. J. Leach, 39; Corp. H. F. Reichers, 39; Sergt. J. H. Noziglia, 33—203. Co. E, Capt. Roosevelt, 20; Co. I, Capt. Borland, 20; Co. D, Lieut. Baus, 11. The next competition takes place on March 30.

#### Fourteenth New York.—Col. Harry W. Michell.

This regiment assembled in the armory for review and presentation of marksmanship badges on Friday evening, Feb. 19. The regiment was divided into three battalions of four companies each of twelve files. Owing to the limited space, the battalions were formed in column of masses, one at a time. The formation was for review, and was good. The 1st battalion was in command of Major Steen, the 2d Capt. Morris, and the 3d Capt. Curtis. After the formation they were turned over to Col. Michell. The steadiness of the men during the review by his honor Major David H. Brady was very commendable; the passage was well done. Dress parade followed, during which the State marksmanship badges were presented to 80 officers and men. 1st Lt. R. H. Harding, Jr., Co. C, received the sharpshooter's badge. Owing to the small number of non-commissioned officers, some of the 1st sergeants were posted on the right of the companies; the proper place for them is in the line of file closers. If there is not enough sergeants for guides, corporals should be taken to act as such. A reception followed the military ceremonies. The regimental band gave a very choice selection of music during the evening. Among the military men present were Gen. McLeer and staff, Captain Holmes, Lieut. Hamlin, 23d Regiment, and others.

#### Twenty-third New York.—Col. J. N. Partridge.

DESPITE the weather, which seemed determined to keep the good people of Brooklyn at home, last Saturday night, Feb. 20, the armory was filled to overflowing by the adjutant of the regiment. Our critic on this occasion was not ahead of time, as he usually is, so when he arrived first call had been sounded, and he was at a loss for a point of vantage from which to view the ceremonies. Every square foot allotted to spectators was taken up. Something had to be done, so he resorted to strategy and secured a position all alone in the empty band gallery. If Col. Partridge wants to be kind to the press he will make that gallery the press box and earn the gratitude of the scribbles.

This is what our critic saw. To be brief, it was as nearly perfect a performance as he ever expects to see, not forgetting that it was the first by this regiment under the new drill regulations. Assembly was sounded at 8.07 p. m., first sergeant's call at 8.00, and at adjutant's call at 8.25 three lines were formed, the battalions being under command of Major Waters, Capt. DeForest and Capt. Candee. Notwithstanding the smallness of the armory floor and the large number of men present, there was a notable absence of confusion. The second adjutant's call was sounded at 8.30 and line of masses was formed for regimental parade, the battalions being composed of six commands of twelve files each. One company was observed to be commanded by a 1st sergeant. The formation was complete in three minutes. One could not but be impressed by the solid thrill which followed each command and "parade rest." But these men were on their mettle. Think of it! Five hundred and seventy-two officers and men on the floor, and of these thirty-three were sharpshooters and everyone of the remainder a marksman. That means that the 23d hasn't much use on show occasions for a soldier who can't shoot. The manual at parade was up to the high standard of the evening.

Brig.-Gen. McLeer made a stirring address, in which he alluded to the many shooting triumphs of this regiment. Major Waters was chosen to present to 1st Lieut. Wm. B. Pickett, of Co. B, the Oliver aggregate medal, for the highest aggregate score in team matches at Creedmoor in 1891; the 23d Regiment grand gold medal to Capt. John S. Shepherd, of Co. D, for the highest score in the regiment at 500 and 600 yards at Creedmoor, 1891—score, 49 out of a possible 50, and the brigade prize for the highest company figure of merit in the 2d Brigade to Co. F, Capt. B. F. Thorn commanding. Col. Partridge stole a march on the chaplain by requesting him to present the Interstate and Hilton trophy team badges, but he won't do it again, saith the chaplain, who promises to be able to shoot as well as to speak during the coming season. Parade was dismissed and line of masses formed again for review by Brig.-Gen. McLeer, the battalions this time being composed of four commands of twelve files each. Twelve file fronts should be good in passing in review, and there was no exception to make the general effect. It was a good military evening. Verily, this regiment has the new book "down fine." At this point our critic was driven from his perch by the band, which gave a short concert, followed by a dancing programme of the members. The Entertainment Committee were Major C. E. Waters, Capt. C. R. Sillman and Lieut. J. F. Handy.

#### Second Battery.—Captain D. Wilson.

It would be hard to determine which were the most pleased, Gen. Fitzgerald, the reviewing officer, Capt. Wilson and his splendid battery, or the large assemblage of ladies, soldiers and civilians who were present at the armory of the battery at its fifty-ninth annual reception on Monday, Feb. 22 (Washington's Birthday). As early as eight o'clock the guests began to arrive, and at nine, when Master Willie Allen, the son of Trumpeter Allen, sounded the assembly, every available space in the armory, galleries and hall, were comfortably filled with joyous maids and matrons and their escorts. At the assembly program detachments were promptly formed under Lieut. Flanagan, the new steel rifles run into position, and cannoners at

their posts ready to fire the salute of eleven guns on the arrival of the brigade commander. The review was announced for 2.30 p. m., and promptly on time Gen. Fitzgerald and his staff put in an appearance. The salute was delivered in fine shape, the guns run into their corners and the battery formed for review. It is almost needless to say that this ceremony was without flaw. During the inspection the men were steady as rocks, while the march past could not be excelled. The repeated rounds of applause given the artillerymen as they marched off the drill floor were indeed well deserved. Capt. Wilson may well be proud of his command. While the Reception Committee were taking care of their special guests, the dancing was commenced, to be interrupted at eleven o'clock to make room for the grand parade. This was one of the features of the reception, and was ably conducted by the chairman of the Floor Committee, Lieut. W. L. Flanagan. Almost every organization in New York City and Brooklyn were represented. Here were the white coats of the Old Guard, the Austrian uniform of the 23d, the blue and red of the U. S. Artillery and the 1st and 2d N. Y. Batteries, with the dark blue and white of the Infantry. The yellow trimmings of the 1st Troop, and the handsome uniforms of the Naval Reserve showing in contrast with the red coats of the Boston cadets and the handsome uniform of the Philadelphia State Fencibles. It seemed as though everyone we knew was present on this occasion, and it is needless to say that the officers and men of the 2d Battery were equal to all demands made upon them. The fifty-ninth annual reception of the 2d Battery was a pronounced success.

#### IOWA.

THE report of General Inspector of Small Arms Practice C. Foster for the season of 1891 shows a total of 58 sharpshooters and 138 marksmen, as against 35 sharpshooters and 82 marksmen last season.

The total number of men who fired this season is 954, against 774 last season. With the exception of one regiment, there has been a general improvement in this branch of instruction, the figure of merit of the 1st Brigade being 19.11, as against 16.70 last year, and of the 2d Brigade 15.90, as against 9.73 for last year. Nine men have qualified as sharpshooters under the rules prescribed for "subsequent season's course," Hunt's Firing Regulations for the U. S. Army, with scores that any soldier in any country might be proud of.

The State team, though beaten again in the Inter-State competition of the Military Rifle Association, made 243 points more than last year, and one of its members, Private J. H. McGilbrous, of H. 6th Regt., got third place among forty of the best amateur riflemen in the world, and five of the team beat the score with which Sergt. Schuker won the Hoard medal at Camp Douglas in 1890.

It is evident, says Col. Foster, that the competitions instituted this year at the various regimental camps were interesting and instructive, notwithstanding the fact that they were in some instances conducted under the most trying circumstances. The time to hold these competitions is during the tour of camp duty of the regiment, as it is unfair to the men detailed to represent their companies to ask them to give up four days from their business, without pay, in addition to the tour of camp duty, for the privilege of making themselves of more value to the Service.

Capt. T. F. Cooke, I. S. A. P., 2d Brigade, reports that the 4th and 6th Regiments show a gratifying improvement over last year in all respects. The 1st Regiment, on the contrary, has retrograded. The regimental commander has shown a strong interest in the firing, and has extended all the assistance in his power, while the acting regimental inspector has been active and vigilant. The difficulty lies partly in not being favorably situated for natural ranges, but principally in the indifference of some of the company commanders. The utter lack of instruction of the majority of the company teams at the regimental competition was very noticeable. Capt. Cooke recommends that the situation in this regiment be investigated at once, and such measures taken as will remedy the difficulty.

The work done by Co. A, 4th Regiment, is an illustration of what can be accomplished where officers and men work together and do their best. Co. B, 6th Regt., shows the result of much hard work.

The recapitulation for the target year of 1891 is as follows:

	Sharpshooters.	Marksmen.	1st Class.	2d Class.	3d Class.	4th Class.	Total firing.	Figure of merit.
F. S. and B. ....	1	1	14	30	280	691	452	19.11
First Brigade.....	44	85	14	30	280	691	452	19.11
Second Brigade....	40	52	32	34	344	728	502	15.90
Total.....	85	138	46	64	624	1419	954	17.50

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

#### MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

THE past month has been devoted by the military organizations to social purposes. On last week, Friday evening the 5th, the 6th, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th, the 10th, the 11th, the 12th, the 13th, the 14th, the 15th, the 16th, the 17th, the 18th, the 19th, the 20th, the 21st, the 22nd, the 23rd, the 24th, the 25th, the 26th, the 27th, the 28th, the 29th, the 30th, the 31st, the 1st, the 2nd, the 3rd, the 4th, the 5th, the 6th, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th, the 10th, the 11th, the 12th, the 13th, the 14th, the 15th, the 16th, the 17th, the 18th, the 19th, the 20th, the 21st, the 22nd, the 23rd, the 24th, the 25th, the 26th, the 27th, the 28th, the 29th, the 30th, the 31st, the 1st, the 2nd, the 3rd, the 4th, the 5th, the 6th, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th, the 10th, the 11th, the 12th, the 13th, the 14th, the 15th, the 16th, the 17th, the 18th, the 19th, the 20th, the 21st, the 22nd, the 23rd, the 24th, the 25th, the 26th, the 27th, the 28th, the 29th, the 30th, the 31st, the 1st, the 2nd, the 3rd, the 4th, the 5th, the 6th, the 7th, the 8th, the 9th, the 10th, the 11th, the 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THE Saxon Military Plenipotentiary, Col. von Schlieffen, and Gen. von Gossler, of the Prussian Army, have admitted before the commission appointed by the Reichstag to inquire into the charges that certain non-commissioned officers had been guilty of treating the men under them with brutality, that the allegations are founded on fact. Gen. von Gossler stated that the position of the men had been greatly improved recently under the special instructions issued to the non-commissioned officers.

He had caused regular reports to be sent to him of the punishments to which the men were subjected. He declared that the soldiers would be better treated if the non-commissioned officers were of better social material. In a subsequent debate in the Reichstag on the subject Herr Richter ridiculed the remark of Deputy Lingens (Clerical) that a soldier ought to obey his officers as representatives of the Deity. Herr Singer announced that he would call attention to the systematic degradation of soldiers

in plenary session of the House. All the speaker concurred in expressing sympathy with the men, and finally a motion was passed advising that greater publicity be given to courts-martial and that freer access be afforded to privates who desired to lay complaints before their superior officers. The Liberals hold that stronger measures are necessary for the protection of the men.

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Alexander Vogelsang, Brooklyn, N. Y., propulsion of vessels by hydraulic reaction.  
Andrew Fryberg, Worcester, Mass., combination seal and rebound catch for revolvers.  
Carl J. Ebbets, Hartford, Conn., safety lock for revolvers.  
Alexander D. Buchanan, Long Island City, N. Y., process and apparatus for electro-plating the hulls of vessels.  
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DELAHAY.—At Leavenworth, Kansas, Feb. 20, Lieutenant WILLIAM E. DELAHAY, U. S. Navy, retired.

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STOTTLER.—At Fort Marcy, N. M., February 18, HELEN WARREN, beloved wife of Lieut. V. E. Stottler, U. S. A., in the thirty-first year of her age.

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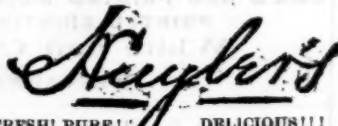
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